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## Summer at Lakeside



'Eco-campaigners' talk tough as they outline plans to stop E.ON's new green power station

# 'WE'LL SHUT KINGSNORTH COAL PLANT'

ECO-campaigners plan to "shut down Kingsnorth" later this year when they stage a week-long protest outside the power plant.

The law-breaking act was announced by Camp for Climate Action spokesman Mel Jones during a public meeting with Grain villagers and police.

The pressure group this week confirmed its stance to Yourmedway, saying some of the 2,000 activists expected to attend August's anti-coal camp would be willing to risk arrest and

### EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

prosecution in order to ensure their message was heard.

Spokesman Isabelle Michel said: "The Camp for Climate Action has collectively decided that we will aim to shut down Kingsnorth power station.

"Coal is the dirtiest of fossil fuels and has no place in a sensible strategy to deal with climate chaos. There is only one thing to do with fossil fuels: leaving them in the ground.

"Some participants in the camp will

be prepared to break the law as sometimes it is the only way to induce the changes that are necessary."

The Camp for Climate Action and fellow eco-activists Greenpeace have hit out at E.ON's plans to build coal-fired units at Kingsnorth, saying the plant would emit more than eight million tonnes of CO2 each year - making it "one of the most climate-wrecking plants in Europe".

The environmental implications of the controversial proposal were championed by Conservative leader David Cameron on Monday morning.

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## LAWBREAKERS OR SAVIOURS?

THIS eco-activist was one of a 60-strong Greenpeace group to shut down Kingsnorth power station in October.

The campaigners took over the plant in a one-day protest against E.ON's plans to build coal-fired units on the 72-acre site.

Eighteen protestors chained themselves to the station's conveyor belt system while a six-man crew scaled the 200ft chimney stack.

They absconded down later that evening, daubing Prime Minister Gordon Brown's first name on the brickwork in big white letters.

What do you think of plans to build the new pollution-free station?

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# Cut it out say council chiefs – mow grass

■ BY JON COATES

ACRES of grass across Medway have been left to grow wild and unkempt by council contractors.

Figures released by council officials show grass cutters Quadron are failing to keep Medway's picturesque green spaces maintained – receiving almost one fine per day throughout 2007/08.

Community services chief Howard Doe admitted the council issued the firm with 352 fines in the last financial year – at £100 a piece – and has sent out 234 more since April.

The bill, which is approaching the £6,000 mark, comes despite a 48-hour 'rectification' period between the problem being identified and a fine.

The Liberal Democrat group said its councillors had been inundated by complaints by angry residents.

Cllr Diana Smith said: "It is disgraceful that the council has been unable to make the contractor cut the grass despite all these fines."

"Local taxpayers are paying for a service they are simply not getting."

The party's deputy leader Andy Stamp added: "The council is failing in its duty to residents. Wherever you look around Medway there are overgrown grass verges and neglected open spaces that should have been cut back weeks, or in some cases, months ago."

Mr Doe said Quadron had put measures in place to solve the problems.



**NEGLECT:** Andy Stamp, deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats on Medway council, says the grass-cutting contractors are failing

He said: "This is a serious matter and the contractors are working hard to address the shortfalls."

"We have agreed an action plan, and at their own cost, the contractor has brought in additional grass cutting teams, including a hit squad."

"We are also bringing in additional sub-contractors, again at the contractor's cost, to tackle a number of sites where priority action is required."

Quadron's managing director of the environment division Clive Ivil said: "There have been some problems with grass cutting programme in Medway due to some operational difficulties."

"We have put an action plan in place and I can confirm that we have taken on additional staff to assist with this as well as extra tractors and mowers."

## £1 tunnel comes with £3.65m

COUNCIL bosses have agreed to buy the Medway Tunnel – paying just £1 for the freehold.

The council will accept full responsibility of the upkeep of the Gillingham to Strood tunnel, taking over from Rochester Bridge Trust.

As part of the buy-out the council will also pocket a one-off payment of £3.65 million from the trust.

The tunnel had been leased by Medway council under a 999-year deal.

The proposed agreement is subject to Charity Commission approval.

## Recreate wild walk of Hogarth

HIKING fans are being invited to follow in the footsteps of artist William Hogarth later this month – completing a testing eight-hour trek from Rochester to Grain.

The tough walk is being organised by the Band of Historical Hillwalkers.

Spokesman Rick Bison said: "William Hogarth visited Medway in 1732 and by his own account, which he published and illustrated with images of the towns, he and his mates were quite a wild bunch."

"To our knowledge nobody has recreated this walk and there are moves afoot to build on part of the riverside path so it's likely that in a year or so it'll be impossible to do so."

The free walk is planned for Saturday, June 28.

Book in advance by e-mailing [info@urbanfoxpress.com](mailto:info@urbanfoxpress.com).

## NHS wants views from residents

BOSSSES at Medway NHS Foundation Trust are inviting residents to share their views about the service's future at a public members' meeting next month.

Trust chief executive Andrew Horne said: "These meetings are hugely important – they give people the chance to hear about our plans and to give us feedback on them."

"It is imperative the hospital develops in line with the needs of the community."

The meeting will be held at Medway Maritime Hospital on Tuesday, July 1, starting at 6pm.

## BAE will axe jobs

UP to 150 workers at BAE Systems' Rochester base are set to lose their jobs.

The defence and aerospace firm said the redundancies would be made in manufacturing and engineering departments and have arisen from a reduced need for software skills.

Rochester managing director Andy Start said: "We recognise this is a difficult period for all employees and their families and we will continue to do everything practical to mitigate the number of compulsory job losses."

## Midsummer fun

A FREE Midsummer fun day will be held at a Strood beauty spot on Sunday.

The event at Broomhill will have activities ranging from kite flying to Morris dancing.

Friends of Broomhill co-ordinator Stephen Hubbard said: "We will be running event for people of all ages."

The park's car park can be found at the end of King Arthur's Drive.



# Bob does it again to upset Gordon

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

REBEL MP Bob Marshall-Andrews has once again broken party ranks – this time supporting former Tory frontbencher David Davis' one-man civil liberties campaign.

The veteran Medway MP's unlikely partnership with Mr Davis arose from last week's Commons vote on the Government's 42-day Terror Bill, which saw the controversial proposals narrowly backed.

The decision prompted the Shadow Home Secretary to resign from his position, forcing a one-policy by-election in the now vacant constituency of Haltemprice and Howden in Yorkshire.

Mr Marshall-Andrews, the only Kent Labour MP to vote against the proposal, promised to join Mr Davis on the campaign trail – yet again defying party leader Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

The surprise support may cost Mr Marshall-Andrews his job, with the parliamentary committee meeting today to discuss whether he has broken party rules.

Undeterred, the Medway MP said he hoped colleagues within the Labour Party would follow his lead, even though Mr Davis' resignation has been dismissed by some political thinkers as nothing more than a publicity stunt.

Speaking to The Observer, Mr Marshall-Andrews said: "They can't muzzle the whole of the party and it seems to me foolish in the extreme in the present climate to start describing civil liberties as a stunt."



**ALL CHANGE:** Tory David Davis has gained the support of 'maverick' Labour MP Bob Marshall-Andrews

"I have had e-mails asking 'Why does it take a Tory to say this?'"

Under party rules, Mr Marshall-Andrews risks expulsion for campaigning for the opposition.

However, the maverick MP said that since Labour appeared unlikely to contest the vacant seat, he considered himself free to speak so that "the voice of a substantial part of the Labour Party may be heard".

Labour has not yet announced whether it will put up a candidate in the by-election, which would affect a decision on whether Mr Marshall-Andrews has broken party rules.



## Sponsors want a cheaper deal

THE fallout of Gillingham FC's relegation to the bottom tier of English football looks set to worsen with the official shirt sponsors cutting their funding ahead of the new season.

Kent Reliance Building Society has confirmed it is in talks with the Gills regarding the amount it will give the club this year.

The Chatham-based firm pays to have krrbs.com on the players' shirts and to have the team's home ground of Priestfield stadium preceded by krrbs.

A three-year deal was struck up between the parties last year, however the overall value of the arrangement was based upon success – or failure – on the field.

Chief executive Mike Lazenby said: "An agreement for year one was based upon Gillingham being in League One."

"If they were promoted, we would be negotiating to pay more, but because they were relegated, we're negotiating to pay less."

Talks are continuing ahead of the Gills' opening game of the 2008/09 campaign, away to Bournemouth on Saturday, August 9.

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Riverside redevelopment time capsule buried in Rochester, see clip

## Tough new law planned

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Mr Cameron announced plans to implement a tough greenhouse gas emissions standard, which throws the future of the plans into doubt.

Unveiling his 'Blue/Green Charter', the Tory leader said: "By capturing the carbon dioxide produced in generation and burying it, carbon capture and storage could reduce our coal-based carbon emissions by up to 85 per cent."

"We really could get the energy we need without harming our environment."

He added: "Now is not the time to lose our nerve over the green agenda. We can go green while strengthening our economy and saving people money."

The charter was backed by the World Development Movement.

Head of campaigns Murray Benham said: "We're delighted the Conservative leadership appears to have seen the light on the issue of dirty coal."

"There's a strong and growing coalition of people speaking out against the coal power station, including wildlife, climate and anti poverty campaigners."

"David Cameron seems to be listening: Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg is listening; but the question is will Gordon Brown listen?"

## Extra castle gigs given go ahead despite opposition

COUNCIL bosses have dodged a potential summer concert disaster – which could have seen one of the four outdoor gigs cancelled.

Medway council's events team had faced the prospect of pulling the plug on opening act Soul Party or the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra after planning next month's Rochester Castle performances in breach of the venue's licensing agreement.

But yesterday licensing chiefs decided to amend the historic castle grounds' terms to allow up to five consecutive nights of live music – up from its previous maximum of three.

Residents living nearby to the castle were opposed to the decision, saying the three-day limit was set as a way of keeping both music fans and homeowners happy.

In a letter objecting to the plan Rosalind Carreck, of Boley Hill in Rochester, wrote: "That decision went some way to meet the objections of

local residents while not compromising the enjoyment of others."

"The arrogance of the directorate astounds me that after just one series of concerts they should seek to extend the concerts to five consecutive days – a situation far worse than the one preceding it."

"For those living in the catchment area the noise from a series of five summer concerts on five consecutive days would be intolerable."

Explaining yesterday's decision by the licensing panel, a Medway council spokesman said: "The panel decided that the number events of this nature should be restricted to ten each year."

"Events should not continue for more than five consecutive days, and there should only be no more than one event of this length in any single year."

"Noise levels should not exceed 65 decibels."

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Students' £800 boost for children's hospital

CHARITABLE Medway business students have raised more than £800 for Great Ormond Street Hospital in London.

The Mid Kent College students, all based at the City Way campus, Rochester, held activities ranging from cake sales to sponsored walks and manicures to raise the cash. The cheque presentation is due to take place today.

College official Heather Collingwood said: "The students went to incredible lengths to ensure their fund-raising activities ran smoothly."

## Week-long eco-drive aims to cut carbon emissions

BUSINESSES across Medway have pledged to go green for Carbon Reduction Week.

Medway NHS Foundation Trust, Marks and Spencer, Medway Council and the Environment Agency are all taking part in the eco-drive, which started on Monday.

Medway NHS Trust's environmental manager Paul Evans said: "The trust has been recognised nationally as being proactive in energy and CO2 reduction."

"We are committed to reducing our carbon emissions by 15 per cent by 2010."

## Police lost property sale funds youth club mural

A COLOURFUL mural is to be painted on the side of Lordswood Youth Centre after a £400 police donation.

The money, raised through the sale of unclaimed property, will be presented by neighbourhood officer PC Gavin Nicholls on Saturday, June 28, the same day as Lordswood fair.

PC Nicholls said: "By offering young people something positive to channel their energies into we can get them off the streets and into an environment where they can feel safe, make friends and have fun."

## Hone your cutting edge

BUDDING Nicky Clarke's can hone their haircutting skills this summer at a styling and beauty training school.

The hands-on five-day courses are designed to teach 11 to 15-year-olds the basics of hair and beauty therapy.

On the final day students will be able to test their new skills on their mum or a friend at the Chatham Dockyard salon.

Courses cost £60 per person. For more details and to book, call Jenny on 01634 222128.



**DISTRAUGHT:** Ravinder and Harjit Lehal during the police press conference held to appeal for information on the whereabouts of missing Alzheimer's sufferer Amarjit Lehal, inset

# Please help us find my missing father

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE distraught family of missing Alzheimer's sufferer Amarjit Lehal have made an emotional appeal for help to find him.

Wife Ravinder Lehal and son Harjit called for people to come forward with any information on the 69-year-old's whereabouts during a brief press conference at Medway police station last Wednesday.

Mr Lehal has now been missing for three weeks.

Tearful Ravinder was too distressed to comment, but Harjit said: "As time goes on we're getting increasingly concerned for my father's safety. We have no news regarding his whereabouts."

"We're just trying to keep our hopes up. He loves to go for regular walks and 99 per cent of the time he comes home fine."

"Because of his condition he sometimes takes the wrong turn and, as he doesn't like putting people out, he may not have asked for help."

"He's very independent and we enjoy having

him at home. We are still hopeful we will find him. As he's a former teacher we know lots of people in Medway will recognise him."

Mr Lehal was reported missing on Tuesday, May 27, after he failed to return to his Chatham home from his regular walk.

A family friend said he spotted Mr Lehal in Bluebell Hill later that day, prompting a thorough search of the village by police.

Despite the immediate response, officers were unable to find Mr Lehal.

As the days passed, police enlisted the help of police dogs, a helicopter and volunteers to scour the Bluebell Hill area but were again unsuccessful.

Mr Lehal is 5ft 10in, slim, with short black/greying hair and a full beard. On the day of his disappearance he was wearing a long-sleeved blue checked shirt, blue trousers, a navy jacket and grey trainers.

He has gone missing before and has previously been seen in Strood, Rochester and Sittingbourne.

Sergeant Tim Harris, who is leading the search, said: "We would like to hear from anyone who knows where Mr Lehal is."

"We are increasingly concerned for his welfare and keen to reunite him with his family. I would like people to take a good look

at Amarjit's photograph and call us if they can help us locate him."

Anyone with information is asked to call the police on 01634 792288.

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Amarjit Lehal's family appeal for information at the press conference

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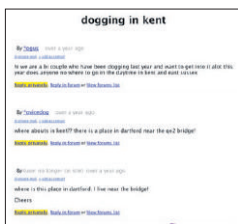
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**PARK AND RIDE:** Riverside County Park (above) is on the internet as one of those sites allegedly used for 'doggging'

# Internet reveals area's notorious 'doggging' sites

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BY SIMON ROBINSON

BEAUTY spots, pub car parks and lay-bys are among several locations in Medway listed online for seedy late-night 'doggging' sex sessions.

Dozens of easily-accessible websites list a number of dimly-lit locations across the region where singles and couples can meet for casual sex.

Hotspots include the Riverside Country Park and Three Mariners pub car park, both in Lower Rainham Road, Gillingham, a lay-by on the A226 in Higham and Upnor beach.

Other websites give 'dogggers' the opportunity to advertise themselves on the internet - making contact with like-minded people and arranging a place to meet.

### Responses

Online user 'Kentguy' wrote: "Hi, young bisexual couple looking to meet in the Medway towns. Not sure of dogging locations, but can meet at a discrete place."

"Looking for similar, but singles welcome. Have to be young, under-25, clean and fit."

His 'Dogggers from Kent' post received a number of responses.

'Gaging4it' wrote: "Hello, I'm from Essex,

## MEDWAY'S DOGGING LOCATIONS THAT ARE LISTED ON INTERNET

- Riverside Country Park off Lower Rainham Road in Gillingham.
- Three Mariners car park off Lower Rainham Road in Gillingham - 23137 after 4pm.
- Off the A2, junction of Rochester over the Medway Bridge towards Dover car-park area.
- A226 concealed layby at Higham.
- Upnor, on the beach.

but will travel. I'm up for anything."

Three Mariners owners Dave and Linda Ruddell said they were aware the pub was listed as a top 'doggging' site.

Linda said: "Our regulars told us when we took over the pub last year that it was a well-known dogging site listed on the internet."

"If I could take us off those websites I would. I don't condone that sort of behaviour and don't know how the pub became known for it. Having said that, we've not seen anything while we've been here and it's not affected our business."

A spokesman for Medway council said: "The council has not received any complaints about issues of this nature, however, if residents are concerned we would urge them report incidents to customer first on 01643 333 333."

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CCTV on engines will aid firefighters in their work

A STATE-of-the-art fire engine equipped with CCTV cameras will go into operation in Medway today.

The £192,000 vehicle also has special foam and fan systems to enhance crew safety.

Firefighters have undergone two weeks of intensive training to become accustomed with the new appliance.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service spokesman Steve Demetriou said: "This vehicle is the first in a programme of service fleet improvement which will ensure our firefighters can continue to provide a first class service to the public."

During the past year, KFRS reported 11 incidents of verbal or physical abuse against its crews and although that number is relatively low - particularly compared to other fire and rescue services - it is hoped the CCTV will further deter anti-social behaviour.

Mr Demetriou added: "We will not tolerate abuse against our crews."

"The new appliance in Medway is a pilot project which may be repeated throughout the county if it proves successful."

### Inspirational Kerry wins through to national finals

TOP teacher Kerry Scargill has scooped an industry award in recognition of her inspirational work.

The Byron Primary School teacher was among the winners at the South East of England finals of the Teaching Awards. She will now go on to the national finals in October.

James Fernie, headteacher of the Gillingham school, said: "Kerry is one of the most inspirational teachers I have ever met."

Luton Junior School was also celebrating with assistant headteacher Carole Juniper handed a distinction in the special needs teacher of the year category.

### Children's centre holding mass birthday party today

TODDLERS who celebrate their second or third birthday this month are invited to attend a mass party today.

Children will be able to have their face painted, play party games, enjoy arts and craft sessions and make party hats.

There will also be a story time session.

The party is the second to be held at the All Saints Sure Start Children's Centre in Chatham.

The event takes place from 10am to 2pm. The party is by invitation only. Call Jo Bunn on 01634 338833 for more information.



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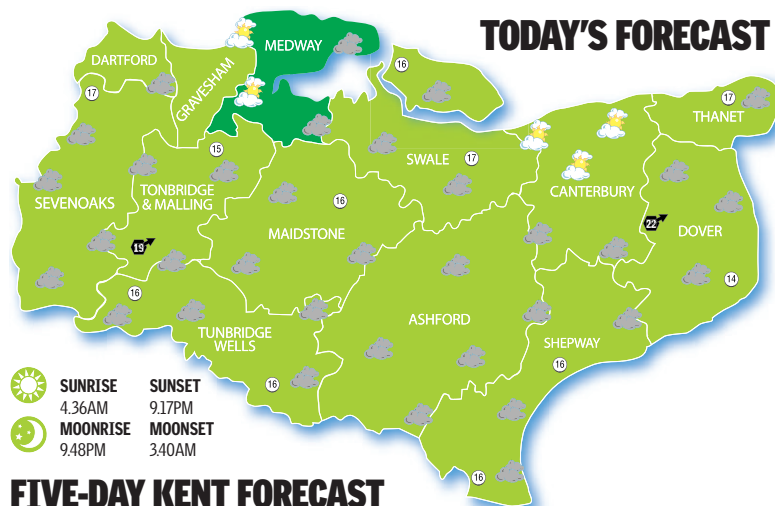


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| Gillingham | 18°C | 17°C | 18°C | 18°C | 18°C | Tun Wells     | 18°C | 16°C | 19°C | 18°C | 19°C |



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| Chatham    | Saturday | 2:06pm  | 5.6m |
|            | Sunday   | 2:40pm  | 5.7m |
| Dover      | Saturday | 12:31pm | 6.2m |
|            | Sunday   | 1:06pm  | 6.2m |
| Dungeness  | Saturday | 12:23pm | 7.1m |
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Front line services chief Phil Filmer said: "Medway residents already recycle more materials than ever before."

"The introduction of glass recycling through kerbside collections will mean that everyone can do even more to ensure they do their bit for the environment and send even less waste to landfill."

"I am very excited by this new collection, which residents have been asking for some time, and proves the council's commitment to being recycling champions."

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# yourlocalinterview

## QUESTION & ANSWER

### HELEN WATERS



**Q** Where do you live and what attracted you to the area?

**A** I live in Chatham. Medway has such diverse towns, with a thriving underground music and creative scene. We're close to London and have everything we need.

**Q** What is your role at Cancer Research?

**A** I am an area volunteer manager, and I support and encourage our fundraisers and volunteers in the Medway and Maidstone area – helping them to make the most of their event and ensuring that they know about the many different ways they can get involved with Cancer Research UK. I am also tasked with finding people with the right skills for community volunteering roles, such as speakers, press officers, local event promoters.

**Q** How long have you been working at Cancer Research UK and what attracted you to the job?

**A** I have been here since September 2007, having joined from another cancer charity.

**Q** How does it compare to other jobs?

**A** We all know someone who has been touched by cancer, and I lost my nan (also from Chatham) from lung cancer two years ago, so I feel that I am making a real difference to help fight cancer. We have some generous and selfless people in our community and I feel very proud to be working alongside them.

**Q** What has the charity got planned over the few months, which Yourmedway readers can get involved in?

**A** On Saturday, June 28, and Sunday, June 29, we need collectors to shake a tin at the Gillingham B&Q store – all tins and sashes will be provided, and it's such an easy way to help raise funds. We're encouraging everyone to hold a Dine@Mine event – if you're already having a barbecue, why not register for one of our fundraising packs, send out your invites and ask your friends to make a donation on the day ([www.cancerresearchuk.org.uk/dine](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org.uk/dine)). I'm also looking for people who want to get involved in organising a Relay For Life event ([www.cancerresearchuk.org.uk/relay](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org.uk/relay)).

**Q** What can people do to raise money or find out more about Cancer Research?

**A** You can register by calling 08701 602040 or downloading a form by visiting [www.cancerresearchuk.org/fundraising](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/fundraising). I will then be in touch to give you fundraising ideas. Or you can get involved in our 'off the shelf' events like Britain's Biggest Breakfast where you have a hearty, healthy breakfast with friends – and donate at the same time. (Elaine School in Strood have just raised over £500 from this event!) [www.cancerresearchuk.org/events](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/events)

**Q** How would you describe the support the charity receives?

**A** The support we received in Medway and Maidstone is just superb – whether it's by entering the Race for Life, giving a monthly

gift, volunteering some time or getting involved in fundraising – everyone can do something to help to help fund better treatments in the fight against cancer. We now have over 4,250 researchers, and are able to dedicate £6million each week thanks to people like your readers. Death rates from cancer have dropped by 11% in the last decade – yet we still have a long way to go.

**Q** What can the local government/schools/companies do to promote cancer research UK?

**A** Schools can go online and download a schools info pack which has interactive lesson plans helping us to spread awareness of cancer, and how to keep healthy – they can also fundraise by holding a 'school idol' or 'dress down day'. Companies can take part in our events listed above, ask their staff to sign up to payroll giving or give a donation instead of sending Christmas cards.

**Q** What are your hobbies and interests?

**A** I belong to Gravesend theatre group Masquerade and enjoy socialising,

**Q** How has working at Cancer Research UK changed you?

**A** Having seen my nan die from cancer, and have met so many people who have been affected by it, I am more aware of what we can do to minimise our risk of getting cancer. I am also a believer in talking openly about cancer.

**Q & A**

The volunteer manager took time to talk to **Lauren Mumford** about the work she does and the importance of Cancer Research UK and some of the great events Yourmedway readers can join



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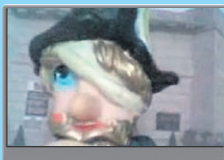
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# PCSOs are not reducing crime claims new report

■ BY NICK AMES

AN investigation into the impact of police community support officers has discovered they have little impact in areas where crime is high.

PCSOs, as they are known, are members of support staff employed, directed and managed by their county police force. They complement and support police officers, and are designed to offer greater public reassurance.

They do not have the same powers as police officers, however.

Ann Barnes, chairwoman of the Kent Police Authority said she welcomed the evaluation report into the effect of PCSOs but emphasised more work needs to be done in the field of reducing anti-social behaviour.

This will involve introducing teams of officers each responsible for a specific area which has encountered problems.

## Investment

Mrs Barnes said: "Our first report showed that where we had deployed police community support officers the quality of life of residents had improved and crime had lowered.

"However, this time our second report has shown that in high crime areas the impact hasn't been felt and that's one reason why we have allocated new 'Task Teams' to be introduced in September to act as the enforcement arm of neighbourhood policing."

The report was discussed between top police officials and members of the authority at a meeting which looked at the role of the officers in the past 12 months.

Mrs Barnes, who gave the go ahead to fund the PCSOs, said: "We must critically look at our investments and understand what benefits they are bringing.

"It's our duty to the public to make sure we are getting a return and not wasting money.

"The authority didn't rush headlong into our investment, we researched, ran pilot pro-



**MORE WORK:** Police officers search people in the street but a new report says police community support officers do little to help reduce crime in areas recording high crime levels so Task Teams will be introduced to act as an enforcement arm

grammes and evaluated them before other forces and the Government.

"To have police officers patrolling for the same number of hours as police community support officers we would have to find an extra £3 million a year - impossible to do.

"This report is warts and all and is valuable

to the authority and force and highlights pointers where we need to make changes - which is why we carried out the research.

"We remain confident that police community support officers do a good job on the streets, they provide a uniformed presence and are invaluable to Kent Police and the service it delivers."

## Energy firms need power to drop bills

ENERGY companies have ignored Government warnings to stop overcharging thousands of low income families in Kent on their fuel bills, the National Housing Federation has claimed.

British Gas, E.on, Npower and Scottish and Southern Energy are continuing to charge households with prepayment meters nearly £300 more for their gas and electricity than better-off customers who set up online accounts, according to figures published by the consumer watchdog, Energywatch.

They also pay up to £89 more than customers who pay their bills on a quarterly basis - despite paying for their fuel up front and rarely switching supplier.

The Government had been expected to use reserve legal powers to compel the energy companies to lower their tariffs for such customers - following a high profile campaign by the National Housing Federation, and a number of leading charities.

But the companies were given a "last chance" by the Chancellor Alistair Darling, warning them to slash their charges.

New figures released by Energywatch, revealed Npower charged prepayment meter customers £298 more than those on their cheapest tariff.

British Gas was a close second, charging £264 more, while E.on slapped a premium of £206 for customers using prepayment meters. And Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) charged its prepayment meter customers £171 more than those signed up to their cheapest tariffs.

The major providers said they have agreed on a £250 discount for those who are struggling to meet their bills whatever their method of payment.

A spokesman for Npower added: "Anyone can change their method of payment. It is quite often the case that prepaid meters are used by landlords of tenanted properties so that there are no outstanding bills at the end of a period of tenure. But if anyone objects to this they can ask their landlords for a change."



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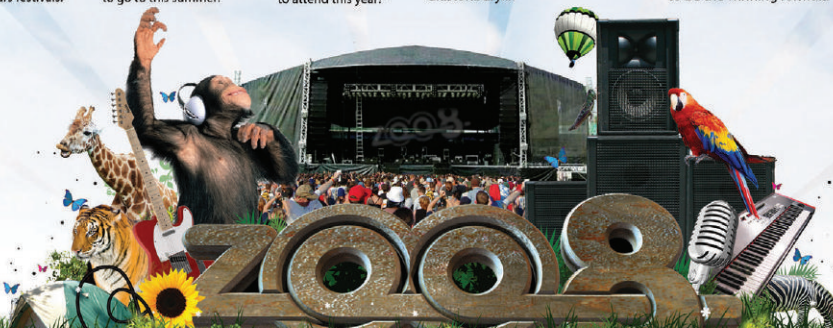
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# Were you born in 1948?

■ BY GARY WRIGHT

THE National Health Service celebrates its 60th birthday next month – an anniversary marking the greatest revolution in health-care in the world.

And to mark the occasion, we want to hear from anyone who shares their birthday with the much-admired service.

So, if you were born between July 5, 1948 – the day the NHS itself was created – and December 31 of the same year, we want to hear from you.

Tell us your story of a lifetime under the umbrella of a state-run health system, which was the envy of the world when it was unveiled.

We want you to share the highs and lows of the NHS experience, through its good times and tough times.

It might be the birth of your own children and grandchildren, or tales of life-saving operations and caring nurses who really did make a difference to your life or your loved ones.

The NHS was introduced by Clement Attlee's Labour government in the aftermath of World War Two as part of a cradle-to-grave welfare state to protect the whole population.

Before the war, healthcare in Britain had been a patchwork of local and municipal groups



**A NEW AGE DAWNS:** Anybody under 60 years of age in Britain has lived a lifetime with the security of the NHS

and charities. The thinking behind the NHS was that each person would receive the same level of healthcare, although private schemes were allowed to continue and exist to this day.

However, less than ten per cent of the public has private healthcare and much of that is a top-up to NHS services.

This is in stark contrast to nations such as the USA, where to receive healthcare requires insurance premiums and millions of Americans have no cover whatsoever.

Our NHS is frequently held up as an exam-

ple of state support around the world.

Aneurin Bevan, appointed as health minister, had the job of introducing the reforms.

When they were in place, he stated: "We now have the moral leadership of the world."

So, if you celebrate your 60th birthday this year, let us know and share your story with thousands of our readers.

Email: [editorial@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:editorial@kosmedia.co.uk), or write to: Gary Wright, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.



## Mosquito to buzz off after debate

KENT Youth County Council (KYCC) members have been praised by local authority chiefs for their role in helping ban the use of so-called Mosquito devices.

The devices – which emit high-frequency sounds which can only be heard by those under 25 – are used to prevent youngsters gathering outside public buildings.

But Kent County Council has confirmed it is among one of the first authorities in the UK to ban them from its sites.

Since their introduction in January 2006, they have been installed across the country in more than 3,500 locations.

KYCC members were invited to debate the issue with KCC's cabinet earlier this year by Mike Hill, the councillor responsible for community services.

At a full county council meeting in May, it was agreed that KCC would ban the use of the device and it would lobby central government for a national ban. This is on the grounds that they infringe young people's rights and target all young people, regardless of how they are behaving.

It was also felt that their use "contradicts the authority's duty to represent young people and listen to and respect their views".

Cllr Hill said: "I am grateful to KYCC members for helping to debate this issue. These devices are abhorrent and give completely the wrong message to young people.

"The noise may result in youngsters moving away when there is no need for them to do so because they are causing no harm.

"I am grateful for the strong views of KYCC which informed the county council debate and the decision that was taken.

"This is testament to how seriously we take this issue and how important it is that our young people are listened to."

## New powers in crackdown on fly-tippers and crooks

CRIMINALS profiting from polluting the environment by illegally dumping waste are being targeted in a crackdown.

Defra – the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – has launched a consultation in a bid to clampdown on a problem which plagues the Kent countryside.

Illegally dumped waste can be found anywhere, from roadsides and lay-bys to private land, and can range from large domestic items such as fridges and mattresses, to garden refuse and tyres.

The cost of removing the waste, some of which is hazardous, falls to individuals and

local authorities. Fly-tipping and other forms of waste crime are often organised by professional criminals making big profits.

The proposals will give local authorities and the Environment Agency new powers to stop, search and seize vehicles suspected of being involved in fly-tipping and other waste offences. Offenders who do not come forward risk their vehicles being crushed.

Environment Minister Joan Ruddock said: "Fly-tipping poses a serious threat to people and wildlife. It damages our environment and spoils our towns and countryside. There are rogue operators out there claiming to

dispose of waste responsibly but then dumping it in public areas. These are the people we have in our sights.

"It costs £100 million every year to investigate and clear up illegally dumped waste. This consultation will give everyone the opportunity to have their say on how we can tackle these crimes."

Among the measures proposed are doubling the maximum fine to £10,000 and making it an offence to provide false and misleading information on a waste carrier application form and for failure to notify of changes to registration details.



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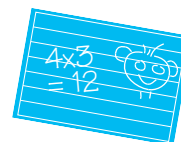


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# Report names the parents as unsatisfactory

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

PARENTS of persistent non-attending pupils have been slammed in Ofsted's report of Luton Junior School.

Inspectors found the school was unable to coax a small amount of parents into getting their children into the Chatham school.

Ofsted's Patricia Davies wrote: "Although the school also works very hard to promote and celebrate good attendance, it remains below average."

"Despite its robust endeavours to make improvements with the very small minority whose attendance is poor, the school has not been able to persuade all parents of the educational importance of coming to school regularly and frequently."

The criticism was made in the report's in-depth summary, which explained the school's 'satisfactory' grading.

The school's greatest strength was said to be its pastoral support for pupils and their families. Students' good personal development was also described as a real achievement, and the majority of youngsters have made good progress and are enthusiastic about their school.

Mrs Davies wrote: "The overall effectiveness of Luton Junior is satisfactory."

"The school's assessment information shows the majority of pupils have made good

progress since the start of the school year.

"Indeed, for about a third, progress has been rapid. There are also variations in the rate of progress, however, within and between year groups."

"As a result, achievement as a whole is satisfactory. Inconsistencies are also present in the quality of teaching, which is often good, but not always."

Inspectors noted the school could improve further by promoting the educational importance of attendance; ensuring progress is consistently good or better to raise standards in English, maths and science; and making systematic checks on teaching quality.

Headteacher Jillian Oliver said: "I'm very pleased with the Ofsted report and proud of all the staff and pupils who make Luton Junior School the great place it is."

"The inspectors recognised the hard work and efforts made by staff in continuing to raise standards of achievement despite the school's challenging circumstances. I am especially pleased the inspectors found the school to be orderly and harmonious."

"Having identified attendance as an area to be further improved the inspectors did also acknowledge the school was already doing everything that was possible."

"Myself and all who are part of the school believe the positive inspection is something to be celebrated and shared."

Medway council's children's services boss Les Wicks said: "I congratulate the staff on the hard work they are putting in to giving their pupils the very best chances in life."

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## University opens to new students

SCHOOL leavers are being invited to take a look around the University of Kent's Chatham Maritime campus later this month.

Throughout the day, those thinking of entering higher education – whether as a full or part-time student – will also have the opportunity to meet tutors and attend a wide range of subject presentations.

Pro vice-chancellor Professor Clare Mackie said: "The open day is a great chance for people to see our award-winning facilities, chat to tutors and get a real taste of what it's like to be a student here."

Kent was rated the number one university in London and the south-east for student satisfaction in the last National Student Survey. The most recent higher education league tables published in the Guardian placed Kent in 28th place in the United Kingdom, out of 117 institutions.

Among the courses on offer at the university are journalism, social sciences, humanities, business IT, social work, law and pharmacy.

The open day takes place on Saturday from 10am to 3pm. For more details, call 0800 975 3777 or visit [www.kent.ac.uk](http://www.kent.ac.uk).

## Take your little one out for a toddle

A TODDLER group has been set up in Chatham giving youngsters the chance to play games and make new friends.

The weekly Topsy Turvy Tots club is open to children aged two to five and is held at Greenvale Infant School in Chatham every Wednesday from 2-3pm.

The free group is run by Sue Toman and Darshna Gupta from All Saints Sure Start Children's Centre and Marion

Jessup from Wayfield Children's Centre.

Sue said: "We hope the sessions will promote physical exercise and help develop children's confidence, co-ordination and communication skills."

"It also helps develop a close bond between parent and child and encourage them to enjoy getting fit together."

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## Humph is the proof some people are irreplaceable

SO RADIO 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue is going to continue without Humphrey Lyttelton. How can this be? After all, he made the show.

Who can replace those droll lines where it seemed Humph would rather be anywhere else in the world than hosting a panel game? Or the bald quips about non-existent scorer Samantha?

He also had a lot of cheeky lines about Lionel Blair, and rude remarks about Just a Minute host Nicholas Parsons.

There were also the digs at the show's resident pianist Colin Sell ("who spent many years studying the piano, and then announced that, yes, it was a piano").

He did not so much bounce off the panellists, such as regulars Graeme Garden, Barry Cryer, Tim Brooke-Taylor and the late Willie Rushton, as keep them in check.

In programmes such as Have I Got News For You, the host often tries to be as funny as

the guests. Humph didn't seem to do that. He just played his character, if you like, the old fuddy-duddy. That's not to say he didn't acknowledge a cheer from the audience.

He seemed to hate the fact that he had to host these silly games, and would often seem to fall asleep during rounds of Mornington Crescent.

Humph was once in the avant-garde of the British jazz scene and if it wasn't for pop music he may have continued to be one of the most successful artists in the UK.

Still, he did sell many thousands of records and CDs, the most memorable being Bad Penny Blues. He also hosted The Best Of Jazz on Radio 2.

He performed at the Folkestone amphitheatre with his band, where he showed the same cheeky line of banter. I recall that at one point he told the audience: "I keep thinking I'm on Clue."

Where can they find a host who knew he didn't have to try too hard? He made the phrase: "What do points make? Prizes!" his own, putting

his own satirical spin on it and often ad-libbing a new variation, putting the audience off balance.

But it's not so much the showman as the craftsman, adding slick polish to a show while pretending that you're actually dismissing it, reminiscent of Les Dawson on Blankety Blank.

No, Humph is irreplaceable. It just wouldn't make to sense to have Charlotte Green announce the programme, the famous theme music start up and have a host that's not Humph. He made it look so simple, but there was an art to his madness.

Clue was the perfect show for him and he was the perfect host. Host: a word that suggests generosity and suaveness. And that was Humph. It should be pointed out, if you hadn't guessed, that this blogger does not live in North Wales.

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## TALK TIME

### LINDA PHILLIPS

The charity fund-raising manager spoke to yourmedway about her role and how you can help cerebral palsy sufferers



#### Tell us a little about yourself

I am 52 and live in Frindsbury. I am a mother of three. One of my daughters is blind and has cerebral palsy.

#### What is your role?

I am fund-raising manager for Cerebral Palsy Care Kent, based in Cliffe Woods, and have been for ten years. It is mine and my team's job to raise £325,000 a year to keep the centre going, as we do not receive statutory funding.

#### What does the charity do?

Provides conductive education for children with cerebral palsy and similar motor disorders. We also provide care in the community, a day centre and a life skills department.

#### What made you get involved?

As my daughter has cerebral palsy, it is a charity that is very close to my heart. I wanted to give something back.

#### How important is the work the charity does?

Very. It is the only centre in Kent to offer free conductive education based on the work of the Peto Institute in Hungary. The life skills group teaches independence and self-reliance to adults with disabilities. Care services provides care in the homes of young, old and disabled people. The day centre provides a weekly club where elderly people with disabilities can socialise.

#### What has the charity got lined up?

We are starting a marketing campaign and have a new website. Fund-raisers coming up including the Cliffe Woods 10k and two-mile fun runs, and the Sapphire Ball.

#### Anything you'd like to add?

A centre of this nature is so important, not just for the disabled person but for the whole family. Please do not just read this and sit back, we need support. Visit [www.cpcare4u.co.uk](http://www.cpcare4u.co.uk) or call 01634 220330.

## YOUR LETTERS



### Crumbling schools must be a priority

I was appalled to read your front page story last week about the terrible state into which our primary schools have been allowed to fall.

My immediate reaction, probably like everyone else, was to blame Medway Council, but that would be wrong.

Yes, I am sure corners have been cut. Yes, I am sure some of the work has been carried out by contractors who might not have done as good a job as possible.

The low spending on maintaining the fabric of our schools has gone on for years. Is it possible that a Conservative-controlled council would cut spending on schools as it is forced to look at the way it spends our money by a Labour Government? The answer to that is probably yes as well.

All we can hope is that someone does actually address the problem of our crumbling schools and make it a priority.

Jonathan Allen, by email

### Two-tier system of education in towns

In yourmedway last week there was an article about the



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Government's warning that 600 failing secondary schools could be closed or relaunched as academies. The list for Medway

was surprisingly long and included nearly all the high schools. The exceptions were Sir Thomas Aveling, two Rainham

schools, Chatham South and the girls' secondary in Walderslade.

This couldn't come at a more opportune time for Medway Council, which is seeking to combine and relaunch several secondary schools as academies. The move is fiercely contested.

I wonder how long it will be before Medway Council responds to the Government proposal that secondary schools should merge with the local grammar schools.

Perhaps the underlying problem is that there is a two-tier system of education in Medway.

The grammar schools are near to good local primaries and privately owned housing. No amount of tinkering will alter the picture, but what of the morale of teachers and pupils in the meantime?

Stephen Jenkins  
Rochester



### Stop making us a laughing stock

Your story about the ridiculous Medway council contractors who moved a bus stop 20 feet, then moved it back again, made me laugh.

And then the council claimed the total cost of the project was £499. How can they possibly know that?

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## Riverside coverage was just delightful

I was pleased to see the opening of the Rochester Riverside walk covered by Yourmedway last week.

This is the prelude to another 2,000 homes being built along that stretch of river, which is a shame, but I believe in time we will all benefit from the development. And thank you for the lovely picture you carried on the front page of the youngsters running along the new walkway.

Annie Crowther, Rochester

## Tread carefully over planned academy

The news that Chatham is to get its own academy paid for by the Government is good news for children and for the community. An academy in Chatham will mean a new school with great facilities and opportunities for young people in some of the most deprived parts of Medway.

However, Medway Council needs to tread carefully. Local people will have concerns about the plans which include the closures of Chatham South and Medway

Community College. Chatham South is a good and popular school. Retaining the ethos of the school will be important in setting up the new academy.

There will also be concerns about the children already at the two schools and it will be important to retain existing arrangements during the transition so preparations for exams are not disrupted.

Parents will want assurances that what they signed up for will continue. In fact, when it comes to retaining the ethos, admissions arrangements, academy leadership and teaching arrangements, there are striking similarities between the Chatham academy and the plans in Strood where campaigners had to fight to secure concessions from the council.

In Chatham, there are concerns that the decision has already been made and that only one option is being offered to parents during the consultation. Some of those concerns surround the decision to create a faith school, with the Church of England as the lead sponsor.

Chatham has a diverse population and already has one faith school. If the academy is also a faith school, there will not be a secular option in Chatham.

The new governing body will have to work extremely hard to fit in with the community and the council will do well to ensure that local people are well represented on the governing body.

It took a letter from a Government minister, Lord Adonis, to provide the assurances in Strood and many concerns still exist, especially about the actions of Medway's Tory run-council, the latest being about the way the expression of interest has been handled.

Medway Council needs to work with the community to make sure the Chatham academy is a success from day one and I hope the council learns its lesson from what was a shambolic consultation process in Strood.

Cllr Bill Esterson, Labour, children's services spokesman

## Brilliant software keeps me in touch



I have been receiving the online edition of your paper since its inception as I like to keep abreast of events in Medway, where I was brought up.

Until this week, reading the text was something of a challenge, but now that new software has been introduced it is extremely good.

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Christine Wilson, Yorkshire, by email

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**WHAT WE DO:** The Coral recorded their latest album in Noel Gallagher's studio and are looking forward to headlining at Lounge on the Farm

# The Coral get ready to rock

## But band bans wellies for festival spot

**HEADLINERS** The Coral are getting ready to Lounge on the Farm as Kent's festival season continues.

The Mercury Prize-nominated band will top an impressive bill that includes an array of big names and exciting new talent.

The line-up so far includes Lightspeed Champion, Black Kids, Mystery Jets, The Draytones, Underground Heroes, and countless others.

For The Coral, Lounge on the Farm will be another chance to have fun in the sun (hopefully) though there is a ban on a certain item of festival footwear, as organ player Nick Power revealed.

"I take my boots with me, but there's a welly ban," he said. "I think they just look silly."

The band started out as members of the Liverpool music scene and released their self-titled debut album in 2002. They were still in their late teens and early 20s at the time and have released four more albums since then. Power believes that any

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developments in their sound have occurred naturally, rather than through any conscious decision.

"It's always changing," he said. "If you're good, it will always change. If you're original, it doesn't matter what you're doing - if you strive to be original in life, even away from music, it will come out."

Their many fans include hard-to-please Noel Gallagher, who even lent them the use of his studio and vintage equipment to record their latest album *Roots & Echoes*.

"He doesn't throw lots of compliments at you," Power said. "We've toured with him and he said 'use our studio for nothing'. He came down a few times. Noel's done lots of stuff to help us because he likes us."

Having formed as teenagers in Merseyside, The Coral seemed to be pretty confident of their ability to produce good tunes.

When their debut album was nominated for the prestigious Mercury

Prize, Power was less than impressed with the industry endorsement.

"I had seen the judges and I don't need to be given an A\* from a journalist in a suit," he said. "I don't need them to say that it's alright. I won't judge someone who is good because they probably know already. I don't really get it."

Once the festival season is over The Coral will be starting work on a new album, though this will be achieved in their own style.

"It sort of falls into place," Power said. "We have a bit of time off and we all start writing in our own time. It's not like everyone will be in the gym weightlifting. We pick up our guitars and put the telly on. We all contribute, it's what we do."

Lounge on the Farm weekend tickets cost £85 for adults and £40 for children, while day tickets cost £35 for adults and £20 for children. Tickets can be booked online at [www.loungeonthe farm.co.uk](http://www.loungeonthe farm.co.uk) and are also available from various outlets across Kent. Visit the website for full details.



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## ANITA WARDELL

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Wardell was born in Guildford and raised in Australia before coming back to the UK in the late 80s. She has become one of the top bop-orientated jazz singers of the last two decades, inspired by the likes of Duke Ellington, Cole Porter, Count Basie, Miles Davis and Charlie Parker.

As a child Wardell enjoyed film musicals, particularly the work of Rodgers & Hammerstein and Cole Porter, and began listening to her father's collection of big band music by Duke Ellington, Count Basie and others. She was presented with the prestigious BBC Jazz Award in 2006 and has received acclaim around the world, particularly for her ability to scat fluently.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £8 or £7 for jazz mailing list members and Friends of the Central Theatre. Call the box office on 01634 338338 or book online at [www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking).



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"I have had spa training at Rowhill Grange in Wilmington, where I worked after qualifying in beauty therapy. This experience has taught me how to make each treatment extra special and relaxing.

"Many of my clients are members of the Roffen Club and some are from past mobile work. I get a lot of clients from word of mouth recommendation from other clients too.

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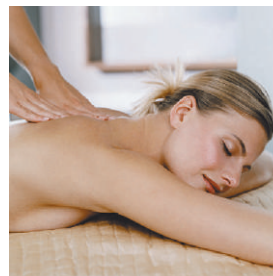
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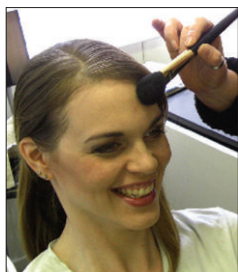
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The Hair & Beauty Training School is Kent's newest facility for fast-track career advancement within the hair and beauty industry. It is run by Georgette Jarvis, a stylist who has appeared on television and radio and writes for several wedding industry magazines.

"Over my many years as a hair stylist and beautician I have seen lots of students go to college with a passion about the business, only to



end up in the JobCentre or a job they really didn't want."

So Georgette established the Hair & Beauty Training School, a salon-like environment at the Historic Dockyard in Chatham,

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Debbie has an IHBC diploma in beauty therapy and electrology, CIBTAC beauty therapy diploma, IHHHT diploma in holistic therapies, certificate in education diploma from the university of Greenwich, internal verifier and assessors awards. She originally trained at Thanet College. She then went on to work in and manage salons before starting her own business.



Meanwhile Jennifer has an HND beauty therapy, IHHHT diploma in holistic therapies, certificate in education diploma from the university of Greenwich, internal verifier and assessors awards.

She originally trained at the London College of Fashion. She then gained valuable experience in a top London salon before going on to run her own successful salon. Since 1995 she has been working as a lecturer at North West Kent College teaching all aspects of beauty and holistic therapies and is programme coordinator for NVQ level 3 beauty therapy.

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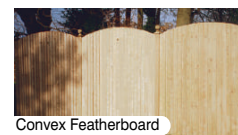
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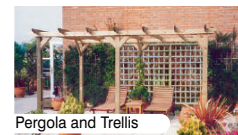


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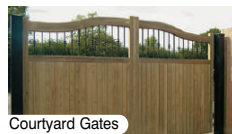


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BY SIMON ROBINSON

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What next? If things go well world domination is surely but a few steps away.

Impending invasion aside, however, the Mighty Boosh Festival takes place at the Hop Farm in Paddock Wood next month boasting the very best in stand-up and live music.

Indie superstars The Charlatans are among the biggest draws lined up to appear on the Monkey Hell main stage, joined by the likes of '80s electro legend Gary Numan, The Kills and the balding brilliance of Har Mar Superstar.

Pulp frontman Jarvis Cocker and risqué US singer Peaches will also chip in with DJ sets.

Providing the laughs in The Velvet Onion tent will be acclaimed comics such as Georgie perm funnyman Ross Noble, Frankie Boyle and the criminally underrated Matthew Holness, who gave the world the unadulterated joy that is Garth Marenghi's Darkplace.

The undercard also includes emerging up-and-comers including Mark Watson, Josie Long, Wil Hodgson and Tom Baden.

The Mighty Boosh boys will be on hand at the end of the day to combine the comedy and music elements of the festival with a top-of-the-bill performance on the main stage.

Eccentric goth Fielding said: "We've never played a music festival before and a comic has never headlined at a festival before so we are seizing the opportunity and doing both."

The 30,000 capacity one-dayer on Saturday, July 5, costs £50 per person, with children under 12 going free when accompanied by an adult. Food and bottled water are allowed on site but no glass bottles and cans.

Gates open at noon. For more information visit [www.booshfestival.com](http://www.booshfestival.com).



**SURREAL:** The Mighty Boosh will play their first festival when they go top of the bill at the Hop Farm, Paddock Wood

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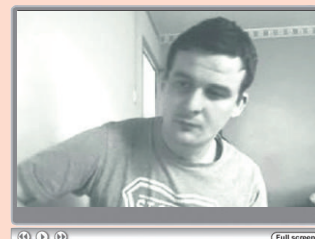
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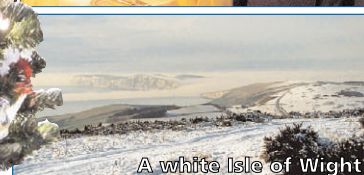
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# We're all going on



Summer has arrived, you've booked your flights and you're off on a well-deserved holiday. But holiday packing can be tricky. What should you take in your suitcase and what should you leave at home? Here **ANGELA POPLETT**, Lakeside's Personal Shopper, offers her tips for summer holiday essentials...

## GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS...

**MY golden rule for holiday wardrobes is 'keep it simple'. You don't need ten pairs of shoes for a week-long holiday.**

Go for one pair of heels for the evening, flats or ballet pumps for sightseeing and a pair of flip flops for round the pool.

Save on packing and avoid the need to colour co-ordinate everything in your wardrobe by taking metallic, neutral or tan colour shoes, as these will go with everything – Lakeside's new Moda In Pelle store has a fantastic selection.

The same rule applies with accessories – try and stick to just one clutch bag for evening and one beach bag that goes with a range of bikinis or swimming costumes.

Neutral colours are far more complimentary, a black bag next to pale white skin at the start of your holiday isn't the best look.

Lightweight jeans, linen trousers and a denim skirt should be about all you need in the way of 'bottoms'. Then you can pair them with a range of pretty camisole tops for the evening.

Summer dresses are big news again this season and there's heaps of choice in the stores. Wear them with flip-flops and a beach bag in the day, then take them into the night by adding some heels and jewellery for extra sparkle.

Swimwear is of course the biggest must-have, but make sure you go for something that suits your body shape.

If you're on the shorter side, stick to high-leg bikini bottoms to lengthen your legs and if you have a big chest, invest in a good-quality bikini and make sure you get one that is correctly sized.

My other absolute holiday must-have is a kaftan, which is incredibly versatile and can be dressed up or down – particularly if you go for one made from silk or jersey.

Monsoon, at Lakeside, has a fantastic selection of kaftans that can be worn over a bikini as a beach cover-up or with jeans and heels for sunset cocktails.

## BOYS, BOYS, BOYS...

**THE same rules apply for guys, but we all know you won't read pages and pages of fashion advice so here's my checklist for the slickest holiday suitcase around:**

- Linen shirts – don't worry if they crease, they're supposed to!
- Khaki or neutral colour combat shorts or trousers
- Rough-and-ready surfer-style shorts
- Lots of different colour shirts or T-shirts for evening – brighter colours look great with a tan
- Leather tan or chocolate-coloured flip-flops
- Sunglasses – to deflect the admiring glances you're sure to get if you follow my advice.

## Angela's pick of the best summer fashions...

Head down to Lakeside to stock up on great summer wardrobe essentials for all the family. Here's my pick of the best....



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- Sunglasses, £99, Ray-Ban at **Sunglass Hut**
  - Grey and blue striped T-shirt, £25, **French Connection**
  - Blue-striped V-neck sweater, £40, **French Connection**
  - White trousers, £75 Polo Ralph Lauren at **House of Fraser**
  - White flip-flops, £13, Duffer at **Sole Trader**



# a summer holiday



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**Hers**

- 1 Sheer blouse, £15, **New Look**
- 2 Printed camisole, £75, **Coast**
- 3 Sundress, £30, **Topshop**
- 4 Kinn wedges, £85, **Dune**
- 5 Denim jacket, £39.99, **River Island**



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**Kids**



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- 1 Checked dress set, £13-£14 **Next**
- 2 Strikey vest romper and hat, £7-£8 **Next**
- 3 Lizard Friend T-shirt, £7-£8, denim shorts, £9-10, both Little Rocha at **Debenhams**

**dedicated personal shopping**

If you want some help picking an outfit for a special summer occasion, a full image overhaul, or just hints and tips on how to make the season's hottest styles work for you, Lakeside's dedicated Personal Shopper service is the answer. With more than 15 years experience, Lakeside's resident style guru, Angela Poplett, uses her fashion savvy to offer the ultimate in Personal Shopping packages. Angela provides a range of sessions and clinics to suit different budgets and requirements. Just call 01708 869933 or email personal-shopper@capshop.co.uk for more information.







The Boardwalk at Lakeside is the latest (and best) addition to the region's busy restaurant scene

**WHETHER you're planning cocktails with friends, a family lunch or a romantic dinner à deux, there's only place to go – The Boardwalk at Lakeside.**

With 12 new restaurants and bars, and a brand new nine-screen Vue Cinema, The Boardwalk offers a superb choice of food, drink and entertainment, day and night, right at the heart of the centre.

For breakfast, coffee, lunch, dinner or drinks, there's an amazing variety of tastes from around the world just waiting to tempt you.

And if you want to enjoy your meal alfresco, The Boardwalk offers a beautiful spot overlooking the lake, where you can while away the summer evenings.

### Good For... Couples

- Strada – a stylish and intimate restaurant providing authentic Italian dishes including pasta, pizza and risotto, made using fresh seasonal ingredients.

- Café Rouge – offering classic French cuisine, from Continental croissants for breakfast through to mussels and steak frites in the evening.

- Bella Italia – with a menu ranging from pizza and pasta to grill and speciality dishes, there's a little taste of Italy for everyone.

### Good For... Friends

- La Tasca – a sumptuous selection of Spanish tapas treats and paellas, served in a Mediterranean atmosphere.

- Las Iguanas – A stylish Latin-American restaurant and the perfect place to spend a night with friends nibbling on Brazilian tapas, tortillas, fajitas and nachos, washed down with some classic cocktails.

- Old Orleans – blending Cajun, Creole, French, Italian and West Indian flavours in a range of stunning dishes made to authentic recipes.

- Spur Steak and Grill House – serving the best quality steaks and grills along with delicious side dishes.

### Good For... Families

- Gourmet Burger Kitchen – made only from the best ingredients, GBK's burgers really are something special, with both classic combinations and exciting new flavours on the menu.

- Wagamama – a great place to go for quick and tasty Japanese dishes, from fresh noodles to spicy stir fries.

- Giraffe – delicious, wholesome and healthy food from all over the world, in a fresh and funky setting with family-friendly service.

- Nandos – serving Portuguese-style flame-grilled Peri Peri chicken, with added spice for those who like it hot.

- Hannah Banana – a unique restaurant that not only provides healthy and organic food but will also keep the kids amused for hours with a range of fantastic entertainment.

# Wining and dining away the summer

## WIN DINNER FOR FOUR AT THE BOARDWALK

If you like the look of what you see, Lakeside is offering one lucky winner the chance to enjoy a meal for four at The Boardwalk up to the value of £200.

For the chance to win dinner at any one of the fantastic restaurants, just answer the following simple question and send your answers to: KOS Media Boardwalk Competition, Lakeside Centre Management, West Thurrock Way, Grays, Essex RM20 2ZP or log on at [www.lakeside.uk/summer](http://www.lakeside.uk/summer) to enter.

How many restaurants are there on The Boardwalk? Is it...

- a) 120  
b) 12

• Terms and conditions: 1) Deadline for entries is July 20, 2008. 2) The prize is for one £200 Lakeside Gift Card 3) Dates subject to availability 4) Prize is not transferable.



Throughout the summer The Boardwalk will be hosting a whole programme of events, from jazz evenings to children's entertainers. Keep an eye on the website [www.lakeside.uk.com](http://www.lakeside.uk.com) for more details.

### SEASONAL SUGGESTION

#### Penne Fresco

WHY not try this fresh and flavourful summer dish from Bella Italia – a tasty combination of goat's cheese, cherry tomatoes, fresh spinach and olive oil sautéed with penne pasta and topped with toasted pine nuts.



#### Serves two

##### Ingredients:

- 250g Penne pasta
- 200g Cherry tomatoes (cut in half)
- 100g Fresh spinach leaves
- 3cl Extra virgin olive oil
- 120g Diced goat's cheese
- 20g Pine nuts
- Pinch salt and pepper for seasoning
- 25g table salt

##### Method:

- Wash and drain the fresh spinach leaves and cherry tomatoes
- Lightly toast the pine nuts on a baking tray under a moderate grill for 2-3 minutes, checking continuously
- Bring 2.5l of water to the boil, add 50g of salt (1 dessert spoon)
- Cook pasta for as long as indicated on the packet (usually about 11 minutes)
- Once the pasta is a minute or two from being ready, heat the olive oil in a pan gently and add the halved cherry tomatoes
- Drain the pasta and put to one side
- Pan-fry the tomatoes for 1-2 minutes moving them continuously
- Add the pasta, diced goat's cheese and spinach
- Toss together and transfer to a clean warm pasta bowl
- Garnish with the toasted pine nuts
- Sprinkle with black pepper and Parmesan cheese



**1** Apple iPod

What can beat an afternoon on the beach listening to your favourite tracks on your very own iPod nano, £129. Take a trip to Lakeside's new Apple store which offers more gadgets that can you imagine

**2** DAB radio

Pump out some funky summer tunes with this sleek Vita Audio DAB radio, £129.99 from Tec7 at House of Fraser

**3** Sony photo printer

Don't leave your holiday snaps stuck on your digital camera for nobody to see. Print them out with this quick and easy to use Sony Printer – a great way of reminding you of summer hols. From £119 at The Sony Centre

**Gadgets on the go...**

There's heaps of great new gadgets out at the moment that aren't just for techno-geeks. And lots of them are so portable and light you can take them with you on your summer adventures.

# Here comes the summer

Don't let your wardrobe be the only thing that gets a new season update

Whether you're a beauty queen, a gadget aficionado or an home body, you can find all of the latest summer must-haves at Lakeside Shopping Centre, with more than 280 stores under one roof...

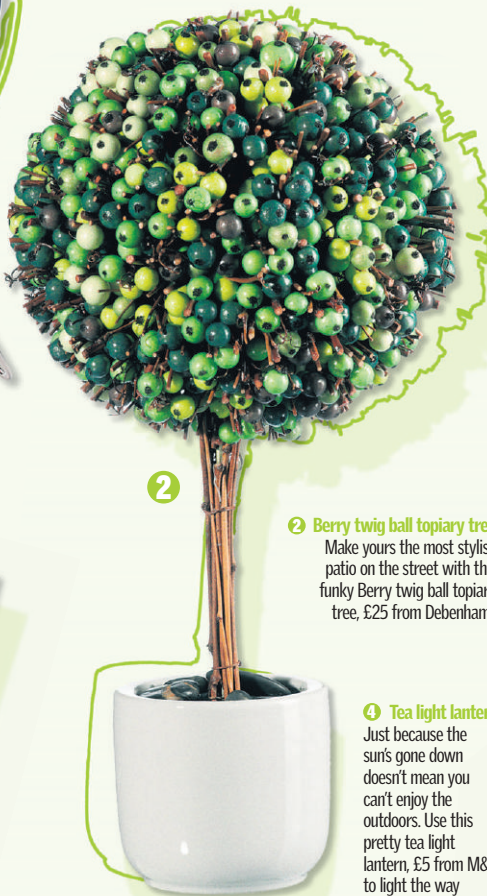


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**1 Bucket barbecue**  
Hold impromptu gatherings or have barbecues on the go with this fab Bucket Barbecue, £7.99 from Woolworths

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**2 Berry twig ball topiary tree**  
Make yours the most stylish patio on the street with this funky Berry twig ball topiary tree, £25 from Debenhams

3



**3 Picnic chair**  
Picnics and summer festivals wouldn't be complete without a cool and comfy chair like this spotty one, £9.99 from Robert Dyas

4



**4 Tea light lantern**  
Just because the sun's gone down doesn't mean you can't enjoy the outdoors. Use this pretty tea light lantern, £5 from M&S to light the way

5



**5 Feet**  
Summer is THE time to make sure feet are looking sexy when you slip into open-toe shoes or sandals. Keep them looking gorgeous with Origins Sole Searcher, £16.50

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**6 Face**  
Lighten up your summer make-up and choose barely there nude shades with a hint of sun-kissed shimmer. We love this Clarins Sun Palette, £25

8



**8 Skin**  
Make sure your skin is silky smooth and cellulite free with Garnier Skin Naturals Anti-Cellulite Rollerball, £5.99

7



**7 Hair**  
Too many dips in the pool or sea can leave hair a little dry and lacklustre – inject moisture back with Charles Worthington Dream Hair Intensive Conditioner, £5.99

## Alfresco living...

MAKE the most of lazy sunny afternoons and long summer evenings while the weather is nice. Update your outside area with a selection of the best garden accessories.

## For beauty queens...

Make sure you're bikini confident with a fantastic selection of lotions and potions, for instant beautification from head to toe.

**Struggling for gift inspiration?**

To make life easier when picking gifts for loved ones, Lakeside offers a Lakeside gift card or gift vouchers, allowing what special someone to pick out exactly what they want. Available at the customer information desks on levels one and two, the gift card can be credited with any amount – up to £1,000, while the vouchers come in £5, £10 and £25 denominations. Either one will enable your family and friends to choose the ideal gift from any one of Lakeside's 280 stores, or even treat themselves to a meal on The Boardwalk instead.





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## YOUR TV REVIEW



**INTELLIGENT:** Lauren Laverne and Mark Kermode present this watchable, and cultured, show

■ BY TOM BETTS

IT may not be as high-brow as it likes to think, and every now and then some sections can border on dull, but the Culture Show's return is still a welcome one.

The show looks at everything from movies, music, comedy and art, in a reassuringly non-patronising way, so you don't feel like an uneducated fool.

Host Lauren Laverne is pretty inoffensive and, on film duty, Mark Kermode is still the most watchable critic we have on these shores.

While some will scoff at a dumbing down of high art, in a world of Big Brother and Vernon Kay's Family Fortunes, a few bite-size chunks of culture make a refreshing change.

And you never know you may just learn a little something into the bargain.

Talking of modern day culture I must say it's been ruddy brilliant watching the Portsmouth Hotspurs tough it out against Tottenham Villa

### THE CULTURE SHOW

BBC2, 10pm, Tuesday

### EURO 2008

BBC and ITV, check listings for times and dates

over the last few months. I talk about the football season, of course.

The domestic season is all over, but for those who hate the all-consuming beast it has become, or who may simply never have watched a game before, this could be a good place to start.

With England's failure to qualify, the national mania that comes around every two years will not cloud the issue and if you really want to have a look at the game itself, aside from the circus and politics that surrounds it on a league level then, take a look.

For me, this is much closer to what football should really be like.

Less about who said what about which player, and what overpaid moron is signing for which over-paying club and more about what is happening on the pitch.

The business end of the tournament is in full swing so give it a try, even if it's just this once.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

THE power of the people isn't just a catch phrase for you; it's a reality. If you long to make changes join forces with others. A loved one may think your tactics rude, but don't pay attention to such criticism. Sometimes you have to cause a commotion to make progress.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

OUTSIDERS see you as conventional. If they knew what you were really thinking they'd be amazed. Your creative juices are flowing freely. Channel them in a positive direction. Money could be a bit tight thanks to an unexpected bill. Friends could help you find extra work.

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### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

AFTER months of struggle, you're able to break through a creative block. If you've been mentally moribund, you could at last begin to see the wood for the trees. Life is about to assume a more playful aspect. Take care not to neglect loved ones.

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### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU'RE tired of relying on others for the things you need, you need to make plans for your future security. Putting a percentage of your income into savings will be painful at first, but you'll soon become used to it. Within a month, you won't even feel the pinch.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

QUESTIONS about your identity are starting to resurface. You're more than just your job, bank account, and social position. The fewer labels you put on yourself, the greater your potential will be. You can be happy and prosperous, so long as you let yourself.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

LEARNING the art of give and take is essential. In the past, relationships have suffered, but now you're starting to realise you need to be working with your associates, instead of against them. Striking the balance can be difficult, but you're clever enough.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOUR emotions are undergoing powerful changes: you feel differently about your home and family. The things that once sustained you are depleting your energy. It's time to stand in your own defence. Career matters become less confusing so it's easier to choose a single path.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU'RE sick and tired of people telling you what you can and can't do. You need as much freedom as you can get. A job that lets you travel could prove fulfilling. Stuff characters may criticise you for not settling down, but pay no attention. 'To each their own' should be your motto.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



### ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

FINDING the truth isn't as simple as it seems. If you're to get to the heart of the matter, you need to start questioning your assumptions. The more you explore your different attitudes, the sooner you'll realise most of the obstacles you face are self imposed.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

BEING of service has always been a source of pride, but you can't deny your leadership skills. The best way to help is to assert authority. Taking the helm may be daunting, but it will be rewarding. Pay attention to your hunches. They can lead you down some interesting paths.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU have a fine mind. That's probably why you suspect someone is not telling you the truth. By doing some independent research, you could turn up some hidden facts. Although it's shocking to find you've been deceived, it's good to know a person's true motives.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU'RE tired of thinking in terms of the material world. Studying the larger questions in life could prompt you to make some changes. Spending more time in nature could be one solution. Even spending a solitary half hour each morning could restore your inner equilibrium.

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## EXCLUSIVE KOS MEDIA READER OFFER

# Open Golf at Royal Birkdale

The Open returns to Royal Birkdale ten years on from Mark O'Meara's victory and the emergence of a young amateur, now the top golfer in Europe, Justin Rose.

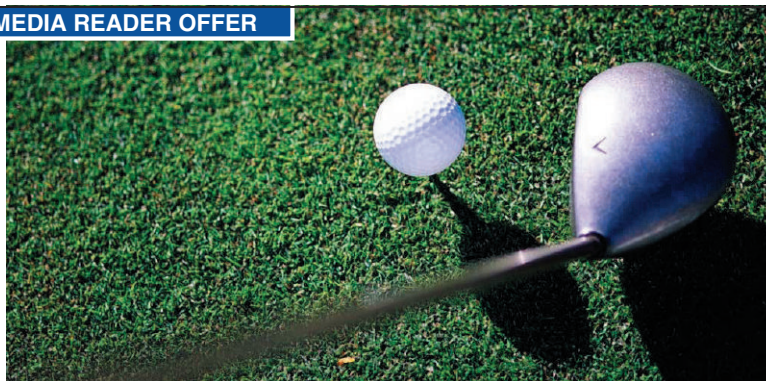
Golf's best known names including last year's victor Padraig Harrington\* will descend on Royal Birkdale, one of Britain's finest golf clubs. Having previously hosted two Ryder Cups, the Walker and Curtis Cups, the Women's British Open and, on eight occasions, the Open, Royal Birkdale is the perfect setting for the Open this summer.

The Open is golf's oldest tournament and was first held at Prestwick Golf Club in 1860 when just eight players played three rounds over a 12 hole course. Today the Championship is a top feature in the golfing calendar, attracting all the top world players competing for millions of pounds of prize money.

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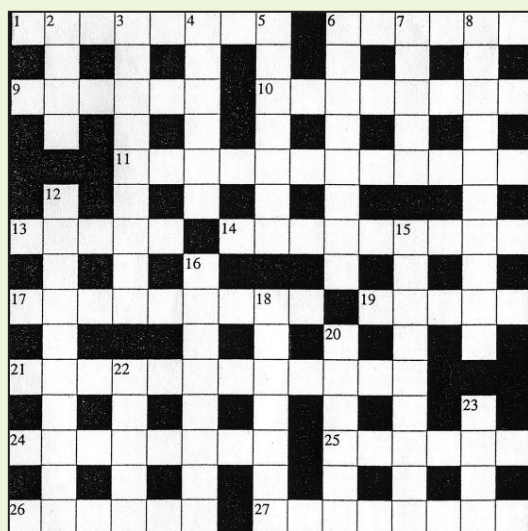
#### ACROSS

- 1 One not in favour of gold article (8)
- 6 Greet sailor with takeover bid! (6)
- 9 Fastener that is fast! (6)
- 10 Approval of penalty (8)
- 11 Lessen stress upsetting fidgety feeling (12)
- 13 Right demand (5)
- 14 Stomach pain that's a persistent complaint (9)
- 17 Wobbly swimmer? (9)
- 19 An opening that's a gem (5)
- 21 Fourth last antepenultimate contest (12)
- 24 Dagger used by leader inside vandalising toilets (8)
- 25 Be quiet – put on a cover presently! (4,2)
- 26 New diet Edward revised (6)
- 27 Dish found by bird at anchor first (8)

#### DOWN

- 2 Lure one striker round (4)
- 3 Price Liam negotiated based on practical experience (9)
- 4 Force Ruth struggling on the road (6)
- 5 Firmness of purpose to reach a decision (7)
- 6 By fair means on the sly misleadingly (8)
- 7 Black on piece of stamped metal (5)
- 8 Pay meticulous attention to detail – not half (5,3,2)
- 12 Weakened the force of old number performing a duet! (10)
- 15 Heavenly food? (5-4)
- 16 Pretended to be insincere (8)
- 18 East Anglian sheep? (7)
- 20 Bit (6)
- 22 In the fire literally struck another match! (5)
- 23 Reflect on one in a group of nine (4)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Castle gateway (8)
- 6 East African country (6)
- 9 Smoked ham (6)
- 10 Giving protection (8)
- 11 Besides (4,3,5)
- 13 Grab (5)
- 14 At the farm (anag.) (9)
- 17 Hearth (9)
- 19 Messenger (5)
- 21 Puppet-show (5,3,4)
- 24 Rigorous examination (8)
- 25 Sportsperson (6)
- 26 Immediate (6)
- 27 Bandage (8)

#### DOWN

- 2 Abroad (4)
- 3 Mystify (9)
- 4 Curving outwards (6)
- 5 Very much (3,4)
- 6 Made slovenly (8)
- 7 Freely (2-3)
- 8 Source (10)
- 12 Musical note (10)
- 15 Rich person (9)
- 16 Nice (8)
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- 20 Mauve (6)
- 22 Bend (5)
- 23 Piercing (4)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No40

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No40

ACROSS: 1 Qualify 5 Adipose 9 Jest 10 Namby-pamby 12 Outclass 13 Oxtail 14 Marriageable 17 Over one's head 21 Acetic 23 Picked up 24 Wilhelmina 25 Size 26 Kneeler 27 Seedier.  
DOWN: 2 Useful 3 Latecomer 4 Funfair 6 Daylong 7 Plait 8 Subtitle 11 Mississippi 15 Addressed 16 Eviction 18 Nacelle 19 Enclave 20 Puzzle 22

### QUICK SOLUTION No41

Cure 23 Keen.  
16 Pleasant 18 Cuddled 20 Purple 22 Derivation 12 Semiquaver 15 Monnybags 4 Convey 5 Not half 6 Unlidded 7 Ad-hb 8 Dressing DOWN: 25 Player 26 Bumbooze Aftermath 17 Fireplace 19 Envy 21 Punch 10 Tulleary 11 Over and above 13 Seize 14

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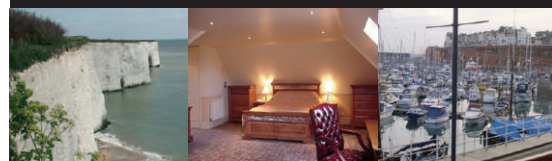
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## WOMEN'S SPOTLIGHT

### OUTGOING

Single mum, 20, very caring and loving, enjoys the usual things in life, socialising, music, films, seeks genuine male for a relationship or just friends. Box 891152

### SOUNDING GOOD?

21yr old female, blonde hair, medium build, enjoys country walks, fun nights out, playing golf etc... Looking for guy 21-27 for share fun times with! Heathfield. Box 891190

### FUNNY GIRL

Kind, creative, humorous girl, 23, seeks witty, loving older man interested in theatre, TV, comedy and music, and with a love of animals. Box 930187

### TWO LIPS FROM AMSTERDAM!

I'm a tall, blonde half-Dutch woman, 27, love swimming, power-walking and music, festival! Looking for a lovely man with GSOH, for something special! Eastbourne. Box 993230

**I'LL BE SEEING YOU**  
I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177

### NEO?

Single girl, hardworking, kind and caring, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 922265

### SHY

Attractive female, 5'3", 30, brown hair/eyes, GSOH, likes countryside, restaurants, tap-dance, clay model, seeks charming family man, 37-42, Steve, 40, from Maidstone please call again. Box 806385

### FUN-LOVING

attractive female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

### NESTLE UP

Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male 34-38 for LTR. Box 440782

### R U THE 1?

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLM slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 440304

## YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

### ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5'8", blonde, blue eyes, likes gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for kind, caring, loyal guy. Box 431557

### GET IT TOGETHER

Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899594

### DON'T PASS ME BY

Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating out, own home, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441

### ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, reddish. Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLM male for fun and friendship. Box 895928

### LET'S TAKE A RIDE

Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLM gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397

### MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE?

Hi I'm Mandy, chocolate brown hair, blue eyes, 45, seeking human male (preferably) for nights out, socialising, clubbing, meals, lots of laughs and much more. Box 437489

### LIFE IS FOR LIVING!

Genuine, outgoing single mum, 48yr old, enjoys swimming, the outdoors and travelling, WLM a male to travel and enjoy life with. Take the plunge! Box 891011

### LOVE CANNOT BE BOUGHT

Happy, fit, youthful 48yr old single mum, OHAC, very good sense of humour. Likes all the normal social stuff. Very honest. Seeking sincere, stable, solvent man. Box 895929

### LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

### LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

Bubbly, voluptuous, very warm-hearted, tactile woman, 49, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out and possible relationship. Box 440879

### DIG DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, Dover Box 893562

### LET'S CREATE OUR OWN WORLD

Hi I'm 51, 5'8", blonde with slim figure, 50, love dancing, meals and drinks, seeking similar males to find true love with. Box 440426

### JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLM genuine male, to see what life takes us! Box 893562

### CARING

Professional female 49, 5'4", long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeking a friendly chap, 48-55, Hastings Box 417100

### LET'S SEE...

Hi I'm 51, 5'11", long dark hair, like cooking, going out, films, music, lots of interests! Seeking friendship, maybe something more later. Box 441193

### WOMEN seeking women

### GIMME A CALL

Slender, considerate and generous female, 36yr old, enjoys reading, cooking and music, WLM an easygoing, genuine female for friendship. Box 441264

### RED OR WHITE?

40-year-old gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passion, ate people and places, muddy walks and cosy nights in, WLM gay woman for friendship/relationship. Seaford. Box 894541

### GENTLE

Caring, short brown-haired woman, 43, 5'4", looks good fit, cinemas, pubs, cosy nights in, seeking someone special for friendship and possibly good company, conversation, cozy evenings in. Box 891075

### SENSUAL HEALING

49 years young female, genuine, 5'12, medium build, blonde, looking to meet sensual, feminine lady, up to 55, with great figure, for sensual fun. Box 438851

## INDEPENDENT WOMAN

Bright, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde hair recently divorced, own home and car, enjoys cinema, eating out, drinks, looking for companionship and friendship. Box 419666

### LAST CHANCE?

Very understanding female, 51, large build, WLM genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271

### LOVELY LADY...

53, lovely, curvaceous, single now for 10 years! If you enjoy parties and live music let's chat! Box 923309

### COAST AND COUNTRY

Hi, I'm a kind female, 52, slim, 5'3, dark hair, I like music, dancing, reading, coast, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 40-50, for LTR. Box 430032

### MEET THIS BROKEN HEART

Homebody type, 54, a smoker, enjoys the seaside, TV and quiet nights in, WLM tall build-type to be my best friend & soulmate. Box 441241

### IN MY NIGHTS

Hi, I'm a kind female, 57yr old, enjoys visual arts and travelling, WLM a genuine male, 50-69 for friendship and possibly romance. Box 441382

### GREETINGS TO THE NEW BRUNETTE

Brunette female, 59, N/S, 5'8", hazel eyes, slim/medium build, enjoys meals out, occasional drinks, gardening, music, keeping fit, days out at the coast, seeking friendship/more. Box 434895

### WALK WITH ME

Hi, I'm a kind female, 33yr old, 5'6", enjoys walking/visiting POI, films/music, WLM nice lady, 25-40, for friendship, maybe more. Stacey, please call again, leave contact details! Box 440884

### CUTE DIMPLES

Good-looking guy, 33, dark hair, slim, 5'11", likes most things, gym, cinema, sports, looking for lady 22-30, hopefully leading to a relationship. Box 420559

### IN GOOD SHAPE!!

Decent honest Dad, 35, dark hair, brown eyes, good-looking, 5'8", medium-muscular build, likes weight-training, bodybuilding, keeping fit, reading, seeking curvy female for fun, friendship...maybe more. Box 441251

### LET'S GET TOGETHER

Normal decent chap, 35, seeking friendship and possibly more, someone to enjoy days out, travel, drinks, socialising and more with. Box 441182

### MADE TO MAKE YOU SMILE

Hard-working Dad, 35, 6'11", light brown hair/medium build, OHAC, 2 children, enjoys walking, cycling, cinema, bowling, socialising, meals in/out, seeking similar female 26-41 with GSOH! Box 441196

### SECURITY AND WARMTH

Hi I'm 35, 6'11", a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with. Box 896178

### REAL MAN

Hi, I'm a kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6'1, enjoys walks, cinema, nights out, family life, WLM like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, call again, leave details! Box 894040

### QUALITY TIME

Laid-back, sincere male, 38, 5'11", fair hair green eyes, enjoys travel, football, family time, seeking easygoing, fun-loving GSOH! Box 441389

### R U A ME?

Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cozy evenings in. Box 914917

### ALWAYS YOUNG

Pleasant male, 39, 6'11", tall, medium build, brown hair, enjoys rock music and socialising, looking for a genuine lady for a friendship, maybe romance later. Box 441326

### SIMON SAYS...

Caring single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, with a wicked sense of humour, looking for a similar woman for friendship evenings out, maybe more. Recently quit smoking! E Sussex. Box 963530

### BRING BACK LOVE

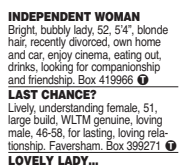
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## MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

### ROMANTIC

Upbeat male, 24, 6'3", slim, GSOH, enjoys walks and eating out. WLM bubbly female, 22-30, for fun times and romantic dinners together. Box 890597

### SHARE LIFE

Handsome, muscular African male, 31yr old, enjoys good wine/food and socialising. WLM a nice and pretty lady to share my life with! Box 441291

### NOT BACKWARDS IN COMING FORWARDS

Laidback guy, 33, fit, fun-loving, not unattractive seeks adventurous woman who's interested in uncomplicated friendship and fun...if you know what I mean! Box 891169

### WALK WITH ME

Hi, I'm a kind female, 33yr old, 5'6", enjoys walking/visiting POI, films/music, WLM nice lady, 25-40, for friendship, maybe more. Stacey, please call again, leave contact details! Box 440884

### GIMME SWIMMING!!

Sincere, down-to-earth male, 47, 6'11", good-looking, athletic, own business, likes swimming, cinema, music, gigs, walking, seeking slim, laid-back lady, 28-45, for potential LTR. Box 440847

### FRIENDS ONLY

Decent chap, 47, 5'10", slim/medium build, clean shaven, non-smoker, GSOH, like a drink, eating out, cinema, theatre, cycling, animals, WLM similar female for platonic friendship/companionship. Box 441168

### SOMEONE TO SHARE LOVE WITH

Kind, considerate, caring, honest guy, 47, 6'11", hazel eyes, brown hair, medium build, like football, swimming, reading, driving, seeking caring female to share life with! Box 892531

### SOMEONE TO LOVE

Good-looking male, 47, VGSOH, likes socialising, WLM a genuine, looking for friendship and love with honest, easy-going female with GSOH, kids not a problem. Box 898446

### I AM HERE FOR YOU

Hi I'm 35, 6'11", single dad, looking for fun friendship and relationship. If you like what you hear then let me know. Box 909511

### PASSION FLOWER

Slender, single Scorpio male, 49, intelligent, warm, kind, a wicked SOH, considerate, honest, passionate guy, looking for a similar woman. Box 892516

### PHILOSOPHICAL LOVE

Young-looking 49yr old, plays the saxophone, lots of hobbies & interests, seeking spiritually-minded woman, for good conversation and to make the most of life! Box 441348

### LOVE & AFFECTION

Michael, 49, hard-working, shy, likes music, classic cars, good meals, socialising; WLM female with similar interests to care for and find true happiness in. Box 439215

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# Audrey returns to her roots

BY KATE WHITING

IT is exactly two years since Audrey Tautou teamed up with Tom Hanks in Hollywood blockbuster *The Da Vinci Code*. But rather than use the experience to launch an assault on the American film industry, the diminutive French starlet chose simply to slip quietly back out of the limelight.

"I don't want to do an anonymous Hollywood movie which is why I'm not interested in those types of experiences," she explains.

"I like my work and I like to work, because I like to meet people, so it really depends on the people I'm going to work with."

"It's not a question of language, or country or where the production is set, it's only a question of people and talent."

Audrey first came to the world's attention in 2001 French language film *Amelie*, the tale of a shy but eccentric Parisian girl, who finds pleasure in observing other people's lives and subtly interfering with them.

Then came her first English role the following year as a struggling Turkish woman in *Dirty Pretty Things*, Stephen Frears' drama about immigrants in London.

Now she is back speaking in her native tongue in the romantic comedy *Priceless*, alongside a young Nicholas Cage lookalike, Gad Elmaleh.

Audrey plays Irene, a scheming gold digger who mistakes shy waiter Jean (Gad) for a millionaire. When she finds out he doesn't actually have a penny to his name, she runs off to the Cote d'Azur.

Jean follows and sets himself up as a male gigolo to earn some money - and Irene's respect. Before long the pair inevitably fall in love.

"I loved this movie, because yes it's a roman-

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tic comedy, but in other ways it's cruel and heartless," Audrey says.

"It's not like a sweet sugary comedy where it's all about romance and love. It's quite dark, like a satire."

After playing very likeable characters in *Amelie* and *The Da Vinci Code*, Irene is something of a departure for the 31-year-old actress.

"It was a good opportunity for me to play a strong character," she admits.

"She's tough but she's also special because her motivation is from something in her youth. I really think she has an admiration - almost a compulsion - for this luxury universe."

"She thinks to be happy she needs to be in the universe of money. It's like a security for her. But in a way she avoids true feelings."

For Audrey, the daughter of a dentist and a teacher from the Auvergne, money has never been important - and now she has earned her fair share through the success of her films, she finds it hard to come to terms with being well-off.



**GOLD DIGGER:** Audrey Tautou stars in new release *Priceless* and is working on a film of *Coco Chanel*

"For me, it's still a novelty. I still feel like a foreign character with money."

Despite all the critical acclaim she has received, with a Bafta nomination to boot, Audrey admits she still has doubts about her acting ability.

"I am not self-confident at all," she reveals. "It's a paradox in a way. I would say I know what I don't want to do, but I don't know what I can do."

"I need to be reassured. Most of the time, when I'm hired for a part, I always think there's been some kind of mistake."

Worries aside, Audrey's career success looks set to continue, albeit on this side of the Atlantic and she is working on a biopic of fashion icon *Coco Chanel*.

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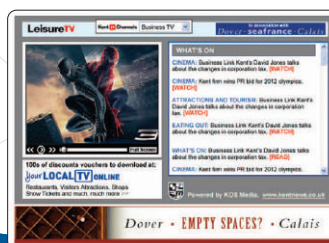
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## Dream the impossible dream

IT is easy at times to read holiday brochures promising relaxation for parents and non-stop entertainment for children, and ponder if the combination is an impossible dream.

The true family holiday where youngsters and parents both emerge after two weeks with a smile on their face and not clumps of their own hair clutched in their clammy fists, is never easy to achieve.

So having packed my wife and three children (aged five, nine and 15) into the car, we headed off to France to put Eurocamp's claims of achieving such bliss to the test.

Our destination was the Loire in the south west; an area of forests, flat countryside and chateaux.

A pain-free, five-hour blast down the toll-roads of northern France – kicked off with the relative luxury of a P&O crossing and tickets to the club lounge – transported us into an area where the sheer size of the country was only too apparent.

Long, straight roads, with few cars, cutting through pretty, well-kept, villages, leading us eventually to our campsite – home for a week during the May half-term

BY CHRIS BRITCHER

holiday and miles away from the hustle and bustle.

Parc de Alicourts is close to the quaint village of Pierrefitte, 53km south of Orleans. A large site, it has an impressive central pool complex with wave machines and water slides, a large, modern, bar and even a sandy-beach lake. There was a golf course, tennis courts and a football pitch, play areas, a small shop and even a library.

It was clean, well-kept and the staff were nothing but helpful. The kids loved the space and, out of the peak season it was gloriously calming and relaxed.

For those more used to apartments and nightlife, the Eurocamp strategy is very different. Over 35 years, it has established itself as the market leader in family camping holidays, with a presence on more than 150 sites across Europe.

The emphasis is very much on being stress-free for the parents while providing the facilities to ensure the children wear themselves out so you can crack open a bottle of the finest cheap plonk to enjoy after the 10pm noise curfew kicks-in. And it works a treat.

This is no bring-your-own-tent affair, though. If you want a fort-



MARKET LEADER: Parc de Alicourts in the Loire has a large central pool complex

night under canvas you can do so – but Eurocamp's stock come complete with fridges and ovens and sprung beds.

For us, it was a mobile home with large living space, three bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen with microwave and full size oven. They cost a little more, but are worth every penny.

Eurocamp's on-site couriers are there to advise and assist – and their tent comes complete with a host of toys and equipment the hol-

iday-maker can borrow; ideal when the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Recommended days out include a trip to Zoo Parc de Beauval an hour or so drive away, complete with koalas, and the gloriously ornate Chateau de Chambord.

But, in truth, a week on site satisfied all our requirements. For young families, Eurocamp can proudly boast it has indeed achieved the impossible dream.

### FACT FILE: FRANCE

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| Time difference | UK + 1 hour             |
| Capital         | Paris                   |
| Population      | 66.4 million            |
| Currency        | Euro (1.2 to £1 approx) |
| Religion        | Christian               |
| Climate         | Temperate               |
| Language        | French                  |

### Holiday details

Chris Britcher was a guest of Eurocamp. He stayed in a three-bedroom comfort mobile home on Parc de Alicourts. A seven-night stay, including a crossing via Dover and Calais with P&O, in May, cost a total of £675 for two adults and three children. An upgrade to the P&O Club Lounge costs £12 per person booked in advance or £14 onboard. You can also travel via SeaFrance or, for an additional charge, Eurotunnel.

Eurocamp offers sites in France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Croatia and Slovenia. Fly-drive deals are also available.

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### Brit buyers look south and west

BRITONS are still buying homes in continental Europe, where cash goes further than it does in the domestic market, according to analysts.

Paul Collins is property editor at overseas investor magazine BuyAssociation.

He said the attraction was not just financial gains, but the use of homes in the sun for holidays.

This makes southern and western European countries the most popular areas in which to buy.

Mr Collins said: "They will remain that way because of the ease of getting to them and the fact that the culture and economy is geared to foreigners buying property."

Emerging markets such as the former Eastern Bloc countries are still attractive to those looking for a purely financial investment.

Among the factors which help this are favourable immigration policies adopted by European Union states, many of which favour newcomers who can speak English.

In many countries, a points system operates which has a clear bias in favour of English speakers.

### Southern comfort defies the gloom

THE South East saw the second highest growth in house prices across the UK as people in the region continued to defy the national credit crunch.

Latest figures take into account the change in prices in the 12 months leading up to April.

The highest annual house price growth was in London (7.5 per cent), followed by the South East (6.3 per cent).

Kent remains one of the most attractive places to buy in the country because of its communication links, including the high-speed rail link to London set to open next year.

Building projects such as the Thames Gateway and Ashford and its surrounds, are reportedly also unaffected by the recent gloom around the market.

Price rises in the North were far less impressive, in some areas just reaching one per cent.

The annual UK house price growth rate for first-time buyers fell from 4.9 per cent in March to 3.9 per cent in April.

However, national trends continue to look gloomy, with some experts predicting a two-year slump in the market.

# Cheap, but beware studio flat pitfalls

■ BY NICK AMES

AS house prices fall, the idea of a studio flat becomes more attractive to buyers – but experts warn that there can be pitfalls.

Price is the main attraction and stamp duty is lower on a studio. But when the property market looks in good health, they are far less popular... so more difficult to sell on.

Other disadvantages include the lack of a second bedroom for guests or the possibility of letting accommodation and the way that estate agents calculate the worth of a property, using floor space as a major factor. Additional minus factors include a lack of flexibility on floor usage because of the obvious limited space.

"When the market weakens and prices slip a little, it brings studios within reach of a wider audience," said Andy Finch, head of new homes sales in Manchester for Knight Frank.

"Buyers can save between £20,000 and £25,000, compared with a small one-bedroom unit."

But, while cheaper than one-bedroom properties, studios may not represent great value, according to market analysts, when the bigger picture is taken into account.

"Estate agents are now valuing property on the price per square footage, and this is not very flattering for studio apartments," said Russell Hunt, of Property Hunt.

There are other drawbacks to a one-room flat. A separate bedroom provides first-time buyers with the option to let a room if their monthly mortgage payments rise. And studios rarely provide a long-term base.

"Buyers and tenants grow out of studios more quickly than one-bed flats," said Mr Hunt. "The market for studios is very select, so in a buoyant period could prove tricky to sell."

Finance for a studio can also present problems.

"Lenders are not keen to lend on studios," said Melanie Bien, of Savills Private Finance.

"Much depends on the size of the property. They will want it to be at least 380 sq ft before they will lend."

"Part of the reason is concern over the resale value. There is far more demand for one-beds than studios, so it should be much easier to sell the former than the latter – and that protects the lender's investment."



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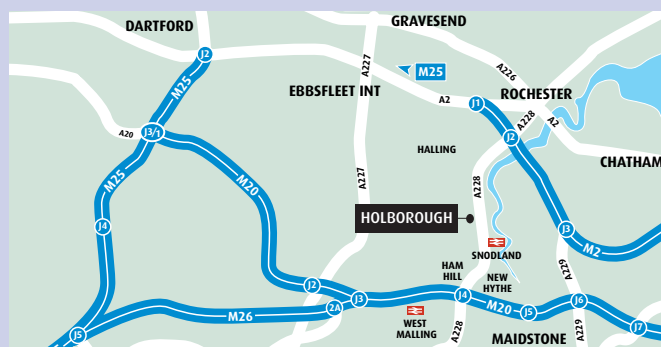
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Yaris leaves Prius green with envy

TOYOTA'S Yaris supermini has been voted Green Car of the Year 2008 by the Environmental Transport Association (ETA) eco-watchdog.

Criteria used were power, emissions, fuel efficiency and noise levels, allowing the Yaris – in 1.4-litre D-4D 90 and three or five-door form – to also beat Toyota's own hybrid Prius (3rd) and Aygo city car (6th).

Key was exceptional aerodynamic efficiency leading to better economy – 62.8mpg on combined cycle – and noise reduction. A further benefit was CO2 emissions of just 119g/km, qualifying for road tax Band-B (£35/year).



### New Mondeo diesel shows ambition

FORD'S crusade to have the latest Mondeo considered alongside German executive rivals has stepped up with the launch of a 2.2-litre performance diesel option offering 0-60mph in 8.4 seconds.

Significantly, it is offered only on upmarket Titanium X and Titanium X Sport Mondeo versions, delivering a clear message to Audi and co.

Our motoring editor Steve Loader reports: "The Mondeo chassis delivers excellent grip plus taut handling without a trade-off on ride comfort. Giving it the responsive 2.2 diesel enables even greater exploitation of these virtues."



### Aveo supermini tipped as Chevy's top seller

CHEVROLET has tipped the new Aveo supermini as its new best seller with supplies of the three-door version now joining the five-door launched in May.

Despite a new name, the Aveo is a heavily revised version of the Kalos created by famous Italian design studio Giugiaro.

While the Kalos profile and side creases are retained, the front has received the US brand's latest corporate look and features a horizontally-split grille with crossbeam wearing the Chevrolet gold 'bow-tie' logo. Prices: £7,695-10,645.



**REFINED:** The new Passat covers a lot of bases, from company car workhorse to executive transport for those not seduced by supposedly more glamorous – and expensive – rivals

# A mainstream attack with executive class

## ROAD TEST VW PASSAT

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image          | ★★★★★ |
| Space          | ★★★★★ |
| Value          | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs  | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability    | ★★★★★ |

Grip and responsiveness are excellent, yet the car delivers just the right level of comfort and refinement, especially noticeable across rural Kent after winter's usual upsurge of potholes, fraying edges and cracks. Needless to say, even in this high-output 170PS form, the 2.0-litre VW diesel is smooth and is well insulated from the cabin in any case, making the Passat a magnificent motorway cruiser and capable of delivering mid-40s to 50mpg.

Cabin ambience is also high quality, with well-arranged and durable switchgear, plentiful stowage pockets and cubby holes and excellent space efficiency that underlines how well the car competes with the likes of the Mercedes E-Class, BMW 5-Series and Audi A6 from a much higher price range.

And the provision of spacious leg and head room for three in the rear has not been at the expense of the boot – one of the largest in its class and a clue to the Estate's huge load-lugging capacity.

OK, the latest Passat is no 'people's car' in the image of the original Beetle, but it offers the comforts of a higher class to the mass market – priced from £15,825-26,365.



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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### BIG 4X4s

SOARING fuel prices and road taxes have poleaxed new 4x4 sales and values for used ones. Figures from motor industry mouthpiece the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders reveal an 18.5 per cent drop in 4x4 registrations in May 2008 against May 2007. While small car volumes leapt by 120 per cent. But if you need a 4x4 for rural or towing work or like space and cover few miles, a little bit of cash now buys a lot on the used market. Here are some potential star buys.

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#### RANGE ROVER



AGEING petrol examples of Range Rovers are ridiculously cheap to buy now, but just a few fill-ups at the pumps could see you spending the same amount all over again. Then again, a used RR delivers cut-price entry to an upper crust view of the road and an awful lot of kit and comfort for your money. Go for the highest spec you can afford though, preferably Vogue flagship level, to claw back most luxury in relation to gas guzzled.

##### STAR QUALITY

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|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space           | ★★★★★ |
| Value           | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs   | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability     | ★★★★★ |
| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

#### BMW X5



FOR many, the ultimate SUV (sports utility vehicle) – it's big, laden with badge cachet, drives like a BMW despite the high body and looks the business. All good reasons for desirability and why this 4x4 is holding its value better than most, though it still cannot defy 'erosion by running costs'. BMW's advanced diesels are the favourite buy, but you could save lots with a performance petrol model, especially as diesel is currently about a fifth dearer than its rival.

##### STAR QUALITY

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| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space           | ★★★★★ |
| Value           | ★★★★★ |
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| Reliability     | ★★★★★ |
| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

#### TOYOTA LAND CRUISER



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Ref: KS03

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

**Closing date: Friday, 27 June 2008**

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### Community Health Networker (Men's mental health and well-being)

Salary: Circa £18,500 - £21,000

Ref: CHNMH/JB

Fixed term contract until for two years (from date of starting)

Based at the GR@ND and working across the Borough of Gravesham the post-holder will work to an agreed action plan to carry out a needs assessment into the potential inequalities in health and well-being for young men, men out of work and men over the ages of 50 and 60.

The ideal candidate will be degree calibre, with an understanding of health and health related issues specific to men's health and well-being. Experience of community development/participation, participative evaluation and recruiting, working with and supporting volunteers is also an essential requirement for the post. Some flexibility in terms of evening and weekend working will be required.

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**Appointments are subject to satisfactory completion of an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check.**

**Closing date: 4 July 2008.**

For an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Telephone: 01474 33 70 00 Email: [customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk)

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**Co-ordinator Theatre Production Arts - Technical and Design** Ref: 07/50  
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**Lecturer in Horticulture and Land Based** Ref: 08/84  
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**Lecturer in Computer Games and Interactive Media** Ref: 08/54  
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**Lecturer Animal Care & Land Based** Ref: 01/144  
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Please note the above two posts would be considered as a combined full time post.

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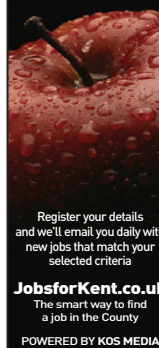
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Long-established firm in multi-million deals

A COMMERCIAL law partner at one of the South East's leading law firms Furley Page has helped a UK offshoot of a global plastics manufacturing and supply group in two reorganisations involving asset and share purchases worth tens of millions of pounds.

Susan Jennings, 35 is head of the corporate team at Furley's Thames Gateway office at Chatham. She worked with an Aliaxis Holdings UK team on the reorganisations redistributing millions of pounds within the group and a buyback of shares in one of the UK subsidiaries for more than £60 million.

Established 280 years ago, Furley has offices in Canterbury and Whitstable, as well as in Chatham.

### Fuel rise unnecessary

A MASSIVE £505 million in tax on fuel has been raked in by the Government in just a few weeks. The British Chambers of Commerce say this is the same as what will be raised by the proposed 2p fuel duty rise in October during this tax year – so the rise is unjustifiable.

Its model estimates the increase in the North Sea oil tax revenues will be £390m of the £505m windfall, and £115m is extra VAT on fuel at the pump.

Thames Gateway Chamber of Commerce chief executive Tracey Manley said: "We have taken soundings from our members and, with the recession biting, it is incomprehensible they should be asked pay more for fuel. Many are struggling to remain competitive."

### Avoid negative effect

STRESS and depression can surface in any company – and they can have negative knock-on effects on efficiency.

Maidstone solicitors Brachers say that the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service has published guidance which indicates that three in every ten employees will have a mental health problem in any one year.

Maria Passemard of its employment team said signs to look out for are: behavioural changes, inability to cope with workloads or pressure, loss of interest, absenteeism and personal conflicts.

# 'Sickies' gap widens – public sector staff three days off extra

A RECORD gap opened up last year between days off sick taken by public sector and private sector workers – with public sector workers taking an average of nine days and private workers less than six.

The gulf between the two absence rates – the public was 55 per cent higher than the 5.8-day private average – was revealed in a survey which showed that the private sector improved its rate, while the public sector remained static compared with 2006.

The findings, in the latest CBI/AXA Absence Survey, also showed that of the 172 million days lost to absence in 2007, more than one in ten – 12 per cent – are thought to be non-genuine.

These 21 million 'sickies' cost the economy £1.6 billion and two-thirds of employers think that some staff are using them to extend weekends.

Sixty per cent said that fake sickness was used to extend holiday, and a third of employers suspect that 'sickies' are used for special events like birthdays and major football games.

As a whole, absence from work cost the UK economy £13.2 billion last year – while in the South



**BETTER?** Maybe, but public-sector workers take an average of nine days a year sick, three more than their private-sector counterparts

East the average employee in the South East took 7.4 days sick.

CBI South East regional director Malcolm Hyde said: "Everyone agrees that sick people need time off work."

"But employers face two serious and expensive challenges – dealing with bogus sick days, and helping those with long-term illness return to work when they are fit to do so."

"People who award themselves 'sickies' are acting unfairly, leaving their colleagues to pick up their work."

"Those with long-term illnesses need time to recover – nobody expects anyone to be at the office checking their emails the day after a heart bypass."

"But in many cases, like those involving stress or back pain, firms that keep in touch with

employees and offer flexible working have been successful at reducing long-term absence levels."

Although only five per cent of absence spells became long-term, they accounted for a massive 40 per cent of all time lost, costing £5.3 billion.

Long-term absence accounted for half of all time lost in the public sector, but under a third (31 per cent) in the private sector.

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## Borstal ease to comfortable win

BORSTAL 2nds beat an eight-man Littlebourne side by 17 runs in Feeder League East 2B. Sohrab Peerbaccus was the star of the Medway side's innings as he scored 68 in a total of 198-5 from 46 overs.

With a full team Littlebourne might have had a chance, but Nick West and Robert Tear both took two wickets as the visitors were all out for 181.

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Sam Hancock talks about the Le Mans 24 hour race and the Porsche Carrera

# Thompson and Pattenden Lord it over St Lawrence

A CENTURY opening stand between Chris Thompson and Alex Pattenden helped Lord's to a comfortable win over St Lawrence at Martin Grove.

Promising Kent batsman Charlie Hemphrey hit a blistering century for the visitors, having joined Murray Creed at the crease when St Lawrence were struggling at 65-2. The duo put on 110 for the third wicket.

Against an attack that included the former Kent bowler David Masters, only playing due to a break in Essex's Twenty20 schedule, Hemphrey reached his ton in just 81 balls, but St Lawrence lost momentum after he and Creed departed, finishing on 251-8 from 55 overs.

Lord'swood batted consistently throughout their reply, with Thompson and Pattenden giving them a perfect start. St Lawrence's hopes were lifted when Alex Day bowled both men in quick succession, but Masters, better known in the first class form of the game for his bowling, came in at number three and hit an unbeaten 56 to push the Medway side to the brink of victory.



NICE TRY: Charlie Hemphrey scored a century

Although Day managed to remove Peter Stock, caught by David Smith, that was St Lawrence's final success of the afternoon, as Masters and Craig Ervine centered through to victory in the 51st over.

## CRICKET

BY FRED ATKINS

### Kent Cricket League Division One

Lord'swood v St Lawrence & Highland Court

| St Lawrence & Highland Court |                               | Lord'swood                    |                      |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Runs                         |                               | Runs                          |                      |
| Dominic Chambers             | ct Thompson b Iles... 15      | Chris Thompson                | b Day... 60          |
| Daniel Stickle               | ct Cruz b Dan Masters... 5    | Alex Pattenden                | lbw b Day... 48      |
| Murray Creed                 | b Dan Masters... 64           | David Masters                 | not out... 56        |
| Charlie Hemphrey             | ct Thompson b Iles... 104     | Peter Stock                   | ct Smith b Day... 45 |
| Lewis Jenkins                | run out M Iles... 11          | Craig Ervine                  | not out... 15        |
| David Smith                  | ct Pattenden b Iles... 11     | Efren Cruz                    | did not bat          |
| Ciaran Morgan                | ct Graves b Dave Masters... 6 | Matt Iles                     | did not bat          |
| Alex Day                     | ct Cruz b Dave Masters... 3   | James Iles                    | did not bat          |
| Ali Holmes                   | not out... 5                  | Jeremy Greaves                | did not bat          |
| Tom La Foret                 | not out... 7                  | Daniel Masters                | did not bat          |
| Luke Rumbelow                | did not bat                   | Kevin Masters                 | did not bat          |
| Extras (5b 7lb 7w 1nb)       | 20                            | Extras (13b 4lb 7w 6nb)       | 30                   |
| Total (8 wickets, 55 overs)  | 251                           | Total (3 wickets, 50.4 overs) | 254                  |

| Bowlers        |           | Bowlers        |            |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
|                | O M R W   |                | O M R W    |
| Daniel Masters | 13 4 42 2 | Alex Day       | 12 1 59 3  |
| James Iles     | 10 2 27 0 | Luke Rumbelow  | 9 4 4 30 0 |
| Matt Iles      | 13 0 57 3 | Murray Creed   | 15 1 69 0  |
| Kevin Masters  | 9 1 53 0  | Daniel Stickle | 4 0 13 0   |
| Craig Ervine   | 2 0 22 0  | Ciaran Morgan  | 3 0 21 0   |
| Peter Stock    | 4 0 24 0  |                |            |
| David Masters  | 4 0 14 2  |                |            |

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Rainham CC - 1st XI vs  
Old Brockleians CC - 1st XI

CALLUM Mitchell and James Austin took four wickets apiece as Rainham won with two balls to spare.

Seven Rainham batsmen reached double figures and Matt Goodwin top-scored with 56 as the home side reached 268-7.

The visitors made a bright start to their reply, with Ainsley Dummer and Paul Reeves putting on 97 for the second wicket until Dummer was caught by Phil Bellars off Austin.

Brockleians subsequently collapsed from 174-3 to 227 all out. Daniel Mason wrapped up the victory when he bowled Mark Williams on the third to last ball of the innings.

| Rainham                     |                            | Runs |  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|--|
| James Austin                | ct Williams b Barnes... 25 |      |  |
| Matt Goodwin                | ct Gardiner b Cripps... 56 |      |  |
| Glen Cook                   | ct Carr b Barnes... 27     |      |  |
| Phil Bellars                | b Williams... 29           |      |  |
| Callum Mitchell             | b Carr... 15               |      |  |
| James Sherrod               | b Carr... 45               |      |  |
| John Dangerfield            | not out... 2               |      |  |
| Stuart Swaine               | ct Dummer b Carr... 8      |      |  |
| Daniel Mason                | not out... 41              |      |  |
| Paul Newton                 | did not bat                |      |  |
| Kevin Taylor                | did not bat                |      |  |
| Extras (8b 4lb 8w)          | 20                         |      |  |
| Total (7 wickets, 50 overs) | 268                        |      |  |

| Bowlers        |           | O M R W |  |
|----------------|-----------|---------|--|
| Mark Williams  | 15 1 88 1 |         |  |
| Paul Reeves    | 5 0 14 0  |         |  |
| Andy Cripps    | 13 0 69 1 |         |  |
| Ollie Barnes   | 7 0 34 2  |         |  |
| Ainsley Dummer | 5 1 22 0  |         |  |
| Devon Carr     | 5 0 29 3  |         |  |

### Old Brockleians

| Runs                        |                            | O M R W |  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|--|
| Stuart Semple               | ct Swaine b Mitchell... 6  |         |  |
| Ainsley Dummer              | ct Bellars b Austin... 59  |         |  |
| Paul Reeves                 | ct Austin b Mitchell... 82 |         |  |
| Sam Gardiner                | b Austin... 19             |         |  |
| Greg McLean                 | run out... 3               |         |  |
| Andy Cripps                 | b Mitchell... 12           |         |  |
| Trevor Bryson               | ct Swaine b Austin... 4    |         |  |
| Jahe Reeves                 | b Austin... 13             |         |  |
| Ollie Barnes                | lbw b Mitchell... 0        |         |  |
| Mark Williams               | b Mason... 2               |         |  |
| Devon Carr                  | not out... 5               |         |  |
| Extras (3b 5lb 11w 3nb)     | 22                         |         |  |
| Total (all out, 49.4 overs) | 227                        |         |  |

| Bowlers         |           | O M R W |  |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|--|
| Callum Mitchell | 14 3 42 4 |         |  |
| James Sherrod   | 4 0 24 0  |         |  |
| Kevin Taylor    | 13 2 58 0 |         |  |
| Paul Newton     | 6 0 27 0  |         |  |
| James Austin    | 12 1 65 4 |         |  |
| Daniel Mason    | 0 4 3 1   |         |  |

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Upchurch CC - 1st XI v  
Ashford Town - 3rd XI

MICHAEL Hales junior continued his superb start to the season to help blow Ashford Town out for a paltry 28 inside 21 overs.

Former Kent and England player Dean Headley set the tone for the day with a knock of 112 and was well supported by Lee Taylor (81) and Hales junior (28 not out). Headley then declared after Upchurch had scored 250-3 off 43 overs.

Hales junior then cleared up for the home side in recording figures of 5-5 off his five overs to help Upchurch win by a massive 222 runs.

| Upchurch                          |                    | Runs |  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------|--|
| Dean Headley                      | b Eccles... 112    |      |  |
| Jim Phillips                      | b Cooper... 29     |      |  |
| Lee Taylor                        | lbw b Bailey... 81 |      |  |
| Michael Hales jr                  | not out... 28      |      |  |
| Daniel Parker                     | did not bat        |      |  |
| Sam Bewick                        | did not bat        |      |  |
| Michael Hales                     | did not bat        |      |  |
| Warren Little                     | did not bat        |      |  |
| Kevin Collis                      | did not bat        |      |  |
| Tim Mullis                        | did not bat        |      |  |
| Andy Holmwood                     | did not bat        |      |  |
| Extras (4lb 2w 2nb)               | 8                  |      |  |
| Total (3 wickets dec, 43.1 overs) | 250                |      |  |

| Bowlers        |           | O M R W |  |
|----------------|-----------|---------|--|
| Darren Cooper  | 12 3 51 1 |         |  |
| Thomas Bailey  | 11 1 61 1 |         |  |
| Matthew Eccles | 8 1 61 1  |         |  |
| Jason Boulter  | 7 0 45 0  |         |  |
| James Crannis  | 5 0 36 0  |         |  |

### Ashford Town

| Runs                        |                                | O M R W |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|--|
| Jason Boulter               | ct Bewick b Parker... 2        |         |  |
| Thomas Bailey               | ct Taylor b Parker... 0        |         |  |
| Simon Berry                 | ct Warren Little b Parker... 6 |         |  |
| Asham Raza                  | b Hales jr... 9                |         |  |
| Daniel Coulson              | b Hales jr... 4                |         |  |
| Daren Hawkes (jr)           | st Little b Hales jr... 0      |         |  |
| David Coulson               | ct Mullis b Hales jr... 0      |         |  |
| David Foad                  | c & b Collis... 2              |         |  |
| Matthew Eccles              | lbw b Collis... 0              |         |  |
| Darren Cooper               | ct Phillips b Hales jr... 0    |         |  |
| James Crannis               | not out... 0                   |         |  |
| Extras (3lb 2w)             | 5                              |         |  |
| Total (all out, 20.3 overs) | 28                             |         |  |

| Bowlers          |           | O M R W |  |
|------------------|-----------|---------|--|
| Daniel Parker    | 6 3 6 3   |         |  |
| Andy Holmwood    | 5 1 8 0   |         |  |
| Michael Hales jr | 5 3 5 5   |         |  |
| Kevin Collis     | 4 3 2 6 2 |         |  |

### KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1C

Cousins CC - 1st XI v  
Holcombe CC - 1st XI

PAUL Chells unbeaten 114 crowned a resounding nine-wicket derby win for Holcombe against Cousins at the UK Paper Ground.

The home side made a respectable 195-9 from their 46 overs, with Akif Yaqub hitting 46 and Danny Hussain 51, but despite the early loss of Mark Harvey, bowled by Hussain for one, Holcombe never looked in danger.

Chell joined opener Clifford Taylor (57 not out) at the crease and the pair of them blitzed the Cousins bowling attack, scoring at nearly a run a ball to secure the win in the 34th over.

### Cousins

| Runs                        |                            | O M R W |  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|--|
| Javed Qureshi               | ct Barrett b Wadhams... 5  |         |  |
| Akif Yaqub                  | b Carter... 46             |         |  |
| Atif Sheikh                 | b Wadhams... 3             |         |  |
| Khalid Latiff               | ct Mulryne b Russell... 26 |         |  |
| Mansoor Qureshi             | run out... 22              |         |  |
| R Englefield                | b Carter... 4              |         |  |
| Hussain Mirza               | ct Carter b Carter... 8    |         |  |
| Danny Hussain               | b Davis... 51              |         |  |
| Izhar Qureshi               | b Chell... 13              |         |  |
| Amir Hussain                | not out... 0               |         |  |
| Assar Qureshi               | not out... 0               |         |  |
| Extras (3b 3lb 7w 4nb)      | 17                         |         |  |
| Total (9 wickets, 46 overs) | 195                        |         |  |

| Bowlers       |           | O M R W |  |
|---------------|-----------|---------|--|
| Dion Davis    | 10 0 54 1 |         |  |
| Aaron Wadhams | 9 2 18 2  |         |  |
| Tom Dix       | 3 1 20 0  |         |  |
| John Russell  | 8 2 19 1  |         |  |
| Adam Carter   | 10 1 37 3 |         |  |
| Paul Chell    | 6 0 34 1  |         |  |

### Holcombe

| Runs                          |                      | O M R W |  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------|--|
| Clifford Taylor               | not out... 57        |         |  |
| Mark Harvey                   | b Danny Hussain... 1 |         |  |
| Paul Chell                    | not out... 114       |         |  |
| John Russell                  | did not bat          |         |  |
| Aaron Wadhams                 | did not bat          |         |  |
| Colin Dix                     | did not bat          |         |  |
| Dion Davis                    | did not bat          |         |  |
| Steve Barrett                 | did not bat          |         |  |
| Adam Carter                   | did not bat          |         |  |
| Tom Dix                       | did not bat          |         |  |
| Maurice Mulryne               | did not bat          |         |  |
| Extras (8b 4lb 10w 2nb)       | 24                   |         |  |
| Total (1 wickets, 33.2 overs) | 196                  |         |  |

| Bowlers       |            | O M R W |  |
|---------------|------------|---------|--|
| Danny Hussain | 12 2 41 1  |         |  |
| Atif Sheikh   | 10 1 42 0  |         |  |
| R Englefield  | 5 0 44 0   |         |  |
| Khalid Latiff | 3 0 19 0   |         |  |
| Amir Hussain  | 2 0 22 0   |         |  |
| Javed Qureshi | 1 2 0 16 0 |         |  |

### KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1B

Yalding CC - 1st XI vs  
Blue Bell Hill CC - 1st XI

PAUL Brivio's bowling proved critical as Blue Bell Hill beat their old rivals Yalding by two wickets at The Kintons.

Brivio took 4-25, sparking a top-order collapse from Yalding, who tumbled from 68-1 to 158-6 from 46 overs. Some useful lower order runs gave Yalding something to defend, but Blue Bell Hill seemed to be coasting to the target as they set off at around eight an over.

Harry Stevens top-scored with 33 and though none of Blue Bell Hill's batsmen went on to post a really big score, they survived a late scare to clinch the win.

### Yalding

| Runs                        |                              | O M R W |  |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--|
| James Dugmore               | b T Higsted... 38            |         |  |
| Peter Bowles                | lbw b P Brivio... 44         |         |  |
| Matt Wilson                 | ct J Brivio b P Brivio... 5  |         |  |
| Graham Hutchins             | ct B Higsted b P Brivio... 5 |         |  |
| Anthony Shepherd            | b P Brivio... 7              |         |  |
| Harsh Tataria               | not out T Higsted... 1       |         |  |
| James Bowles                | not out... 11                |         |  |
| Martin Holmes               | not out... 26                |         |  |
| John-Jacob Britz            | did not bat                  |         |  |
| Dushyanth Gnanappiragasam   | did not bat                  |         |  |
| Andrew Robinson             | did not bat                  |         |  |
| Extras (3b 10lb 8w)         | 21                           |         |  |
| Total (6 wickets, 46 overs) | 158                          |         |  |

| Bowlers         |           | O M R W |  |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|--|
| James Underwood | 11 2 49 0 |         |  |
| Leigh Short     | 4 1 11 1  |         |  |
| Ian Hayward     | 9 3 26 0  |         |  |
| Tom Higsted     | 12 1 38 1 |         |  |
| Paul Brivio     | 10 2 25 4 |         |  |

### Blue Bell Hill

| Runs                          |                                    | O M R W |  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Jack Attridge                 | run out Dugmore... 24              |         |  |
| Roy Sams                      | ct Bowles b Britz... 9             |         |  |
| Harry Stevens                 | b Shepherd... 33                   |         |  |
| Paul Brivio                   | b Robinson... 30                   |         |  |
| Jack Brivio                   | lbw b Tataria... 12                |         |  |
| Tom Higsted                   | ct Dugmore b Robinson... 12        |         |  |
| Christopher Watson            | ct Tataria b Tataria... 0          |         |  |
| Ian Hayward                   | not out... 15                      |         |  |
| Leigh Short                   | ct Gnanappiragasam b Robinson... 0 |         |  |
| Ben Higsted                   | not out... 0                       |         |  |
| James Underwood               | did not bat                        |         |  |
| Extras (2b 7lb 17w)           | 26                                 |         |  |
| Total (8 wickets, 38.1 overs) | 161                                |         |  |

| Bowlers                   |            | O M R W |  |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|--|
| Dushyanth Gnanappiragasam | 3 0 23 0   |         |  |
| John-Jacob Britz          | 10 1 37 1  |         |  |
| Anthony Shepherd          | 12 4 29 1  |         |  |
| James Dugmore             | 5 0 24 0   |         |  |
| Harsh Tataria             | 4 1 0 23 2 |         |  |
| Andrew Robinson           | 4 0 15 3   |         |  |



# Gills strike gold as Mulligan opts to stay

## FOOTBALL

BY FRED ATKINS

HE wouldn't turn down a Thierry Henry, or a Cristiano Ronaldo, but Gillingham manager Mark Stimson believes that an "old-fashioned target man" could complete a formidable striking unit next season.

Following the news that Gary Mulligan has finally agreed to stay at Priestfield, Stimson now feels the Gills need a battering ram of a player.

He told Yourmedway: "I'm after a big, physical player, an old fashioned target man, but the trouble is, there are not too many of them around. Modern day footballers aren't really built that way."

Stimson confirmed the Gills had their eye on "one or two" strikers, but it is understood that neither the former Gravesend & Northfleet hitman Charlie MacDonald, nor former Gills striker Bas Savage are in their sights.

Mulligan's decision to renew his contract, over a month after he was first offered a deal, has made Stimson's search less urgent.

The Gills manager said he was unperturbed by the delay, claiming he was happy to have got his man.

He said: "I don't know why he took so long, I think he just needed a period of time."

"He came in this week and told me he wanted to sign and that he's looking forward to playing for a team at the top of the table rather than the bottom."

Mulligan, who first joined the Gills on loan



Picture: KEITH SLATER

**DECIDED:** After more than a month of thinking time, Gary Mulligan has chosen to stay with the Gills

from Sheffield United in 2006, averaged one goal every six games last season, but Stimson backed him to come good in League Two

He said: "I think he can be a very good player for us."

"We've got three good strikers now with Mulligan, (Simeon Jackson) and (Dennis) Oli, plus two young lads in Luis Cumbers and Andy Pugh who could have a big part to play, we just need a fourth striker."

## F1 stars invite young drivers to go karting

### MOTORSPORT

**FORMULA** One stars will descend on Buckmore Park later this month to launch a nationwide campaign to give children a chance to try karting.

Under the Motor Sport Association 'Let's Go Karting' initiative, youngsters aged 8-16 will be able to get behind the wheel for £5 in special sessions.

Former world champion John Surtees, Bromley's McLaren test driver Gary Paffett and Ross Brawn, who was Michael Schumacher's technical director at Ferrari, will be among the VIPs at the launch.

Karting is the first stop for most people keen on motorsport, with McLaren's Lewis Hamilton the latest in a long line of karters to reach Formula One.

Surtees, the only man to win a world championship on four and two wheels, is backing the campaign, which will be based around 16 tracks across the UK.

He said: "Karting is an integral part of motor sport as it is the traditional entry point into racing. Britain has an excellent heritage in karting but it has always been a relatively expensive sport



**GOOD START:** Buckmore Park is where a number of drivers started their career

which means some people have been excluded.

"Lewis Hamilton's success has caused a huge surge of interest in the sport so it's wonderful to be able to help launch Let's Go Karting, which will open up the thrill and joy of karting to thousands more youngsters."

Both Hamilton and Jensen Button raced on the 1,200-metre track near Rochester at the start of their career.

The launch will take place on Monday, June 23.

## Avery agrees to return to Chats next season

### FOOTBALL

**CHATHAM** Town have fought off interest from several other clubs to sign promising centre-back Richard Avery.

The defender was on loan at Maidstone Road for the last three months of the season and impressed with a series of composed displays.

He was released by Ryman North champions Dartford after the end of the season. Ashford Town and Sittingbourne were reportedly interested but he opted to rejoin the Chats.

Boss Steve Binks has long been an admirer of Avery and was delighted to get his man.

He said: "I remember him playing against us for Dartford three or four years ago. He stood out to me as a really good prospect – young, fit, great desire and attitude – and I've been wanting to get him ever since."

"He performed great for us last season and I think we are going to have a good spine to the team next season. I think he likes the club and gets on well with the players."

In addition to Avery's arrival, Binks has been boosted by several other players re-signing.



**PROMISING:** Richard Avery drew the attention of a number of clubs

Tom Staff, Chris Tedder, Craig Govey and Justin Ascheri have all signed deals to stay at the club.

Tedder, who missed the second half of the season with a knee injury, is back running again and should be fully fit by the start of the season.

Chats begin their pre-season with an away game against Kent League side Hythe Town.



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